

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

July 2011

A newsletter bringing you a coffee break's worth (if you are lucky enough to have one!) of news and treats from your friendly team of School Library Service staff

New Children's Laureate

Julia Donaldson has been chosen as the new Children's Laureate for 2011-2013. As well as writing *The Gruffalo*, a much-loved classic, Donaldson has written many other wonderful picture books (e.g. *What the Ladybird Heard*, *Cave Baby*), picture books for older children (e.g. *Fly Pigeon Fly*) plays and



fiction (e.g. *The Giants and the Joneses* for KS2 level). She has collaborated with fantastic illustrators too, such as Axel Scheffler and Nick Sharratt. Julia Donaldson's background is in songwriting, acting and performing, and she believes that acting out stories is a key to improving literacy. Donaldson is planning a busy two years, visiting libraries up and down the country and said she hoped to be 'an advocate for children's books and reading.'

"Bring back, bring back, Oh bring back my projects to me, to me! (Courier dates and other matters!)"

Coping with the changes in courier arrangements has been a challenge for many of us! It really helps us (and you!) if you can think ahead both when you order your projects and when you return them.

Project Boxes leave us on a Friday morning, so please request projects by the Wednesday before your expected delivery date.

Returns: Please have boxes ready for collection in the foyer (or wherever the agreed place is) in time for your collection. If you miss the courier

the project may be renewed and charged against your allocation. As we went to print we have 128 outstanding projects, that's 2560 books worth around £18,000 sitting unused in schools for over half a term.

Collection and return dates for 2011:

June 27th-28th

July 18th-19th—return date for Summer term projects

Sept 12th-13th

Oct 31st-Nov 1st

Nov 28th-29th

Dec 12th-13th—return date for Autumn term projects

Curriculum Collection: do you qualify for an extra project?

If you're a small school of fewer than 100 pupils, you can choose an extra project's worth of books, (24 titles) when the mobile library visits your school. We have put a small 'Curriculum Collection' on board, consisting of books we think will support your teaching. If you'd like books on any particular topics do give us a ring at the office a week before your mobile visit is due and we will include special books for you if they are in stock.

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Did you know and had you thought?

Do it now!!! Now is the time to chase up your leavers!! Start getting books back from children who you know you will be saying goodbye to in July.

http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/schools_network Have a look at this link to a new resource for schools. To get the full benefit you need to subscribe (£75) but there are some good ideas and resources (some free) in particular their very good 2011/12 Schools Guide to Literacy, promoting and supporting literacy in your school.

Paying for your **MLS Helpdesk Sub** for **Junior Librarian** can be painful on your budget in these days of austerity. Had you thought of paying for it from the IT budget?...ah! a cunning plan...

Did you know **Roald Dahl Day** is on 13th September? Start planning a celebration day in your school now.

www.roalddahl.com has ideas, lesson plans, posters, quizzes and games. For a chance to register to see Quentin Blake talking, drawing and answering your questions on 28 September 2011, go to www.quentinblakevirtuallylive.co.uk



394 is what we're all wishing for!*

Speaking, listening, lateral thinking, alphabet skills, teamwork – I could go on, but those are just a few of the skills being applied when we do **Information Skills** sessions in school. The lessons are fun, fast moving, practical and, hopefully, leave your students with increased confidence and enjoyment in using non-fiction and the library.

As well as showing pupils how to locate non-fiction in the library, we can go on to look at how to develop research skills.

Depending on the age of the children, we may consider aspects of planning, understanding and interpreting texts, selecting and appraising, skimming and scanning etc.

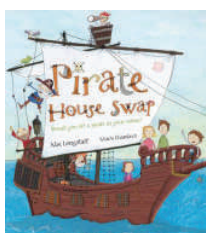
Fundamental to any year group is our emphasis on the appropriateness of the resources in the school library. One of the greatest pleasures in delivering these sessions is witnessing the involvement and excitement of children exploring the treasures within their library.

***Oh, and 394 is the Dewey number for Holidays!**

Favourite books this month

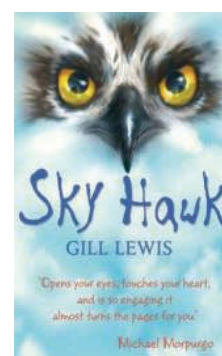
Pirate House Swap
Longstaff, Abie
9780552560818 5.99
Paperback

This story capitalizes on the run of 'Life swap' type programmes on TV when the Clark family decide on a house swap for their holidays and swap with a gang of pirates! Hilarity ensues as each group takes on the characteristics of the other. Brilliant for Houses and Homes, or Holidays in KS 1. Also enjoy the clever use of inference as some of the changes only appear in the pictures.



Sky Hawk, Lewis, Gill
9780192756237
8.99 Paperback

A beautifully written wildlife story full of warmth and humanity, this will be relished by anyone who enjoys Morpurgo. Alongside the drama of an osprey's precarious existence in both Scotland and Africa, runs the human story which is by turns sad, poignant, and always believable.



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