

# Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

October 2012

## Join up January and SLS prize draw



Join up January is coming soon to Norfolk Libraries..... Do all the children in your school have a library card? There are loads of things to

enjoy, books on football, music, animation, and 'how things work' as well as books on TV series and films, graphic novels, comics, magazines, story books and picture books for readers of all abilities. There are children's DVDs and DS and other games to try and activities for both children and adults.

Friendly staff are on hand to help find something that will inspire reading for pleasure. There are books and websites that can be used at the library, or at home to help with homework and some websites can be used in school.

**Go to your local library for a class visit in January to be entered into a prize draw to win 3 SLS tokens!** To book a visit or for more information about what libraries can do to support your community to use the public library please contact your local library or email : [libraries@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@norfolk.gov.uk)

.....and let the story begin

## Maths Cafes

Have you heard of **Maths Cafes**? They combine reading, maths and a craft activity and are a fun way to involve parents in their children's learning. Did you know SLS can supply project loans of 24 books to support Maths Cafes? We are work with the Maths advisory team to come up with the **very best book titles**! Any Maths project loans ordered before Christmas will include a **free** guiding block to demarcate Maths books in your library.

Don't forget that if you are an SLS customer you can get a 22% discount with Peters Booksellers if you want to order your faves! The Maths advisory team are offering training for **Maths Cafes** on 7th March 2013; also, look out for an upcoming **Maths conference** at the John Innes Centre on 28th November 2012.



## Moving English forward through Reading for Pleasure

The Ofsted report 'Moving English forward' from March 2012 gives emphasis to 'encouraging the love of reading' because 'extensive reading and exposure to a wide range of texts make a huge contribution to students' educational achievement.' SLS can provide bespoke boxes of Reading for Pleasure books to inspire your pupils! The boxes include a mix of picture books, non-fiction browsers, HiLo, graphic novels, puzzle and pop-up books.

### Free reading competition for all Primary Schools...SLS can help you be winners!

Read for My School, the new national schools reading competition from The Pearson Foundation and Booktrust, with support from the Department of Education, is an exciting new venture. Register on [www.readformyschool.co.uk](http://www.readformyschool.co.uk)

There will be lists of recommended reads from the end of November, which can be borrowed from SLS as project loans and of course we always have the latest great fiction on our mobile.

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## Does your school use the .net version of Junior Librarian?

Junior Librarian. net is an online, fully hosted version of the very familiar Junior Librarian. Some schools have been using it successfully for a while and as part of our developing Inset offer we are preparing to offer training to schools. We would love to see how .net is working in your school and offer you some hints and tips to get the best from your system.

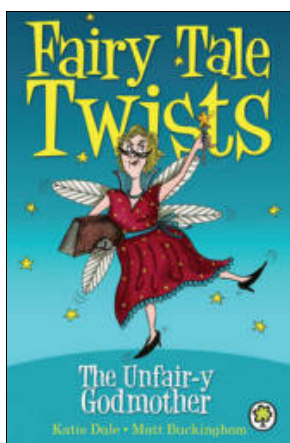
So we are offering **free training** to the first two schools to respond to this notice. To book your training session please contact Caroline Barker in the SLS office.

**“...an excellent trainer. She helped me understand the library system in a friendly and approachable manner.”**

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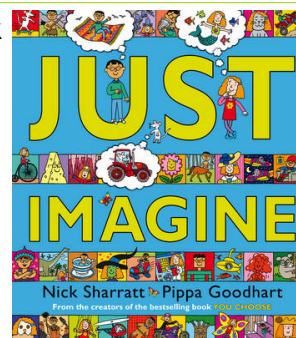
## Our favourite books this month

**Fairy Tale Twists** by **Katie Dale**. Fun modern rhyming versions of fairy tales with clever amalgamations of characters from different traditional stories.



**Just Imagine** is the latest book by the duo **Pippa Goodhart** and **Nick Sharratt**.

Loads of detailed colourful pictures to pore over where children can imagine themselves in different scenarios eg if they were bigger, smaller, lived underground or were a pet! Great for sharing and speaking and listening.



## NEW! Storyboxes

Just in to our office are some lovely story-making boxes suitable for both KS1 and 2. They are full of ideas to inspire your pupils' imaginations through creating stories on different themes and build on the importance of talking and language development. The contents of each wonderful box add up to several hundred pounds and include toys, story themes, training notes, books from SLS etc. Themes include: Under the Sea, Animal Fun, Spooky Stories and stories from around the world. These can be borrowed for a term for 1 token, contact us if you would like to order for Spring.

## Some useful websites...

Go Berserk by Gareth McAleese and Ian Simons is a guide to making websites with HTML and CSS. This is suitable for upper KS2, and is set out clearly, step by step. See [www.go-berserk.com](http://www.go-berserk.com)

Random House has created a simply gorgeous website called World of Stories, which has been designed for 8-12 year olds who love reading. It is very interactive and includes competitions and book recommendations [www.worldofstories.co.uk](http://www.worldofstories.co.uk)

See <http://bobmanonthemoon.co.uk/resources> for detailed teaching resources for Y2 based on Simon Bartram's books. Lots of lesson plans including using Pie Corbett's 'Storytelling into Writing' method.

**Please get in touch so we can add you to our mailing list to receive SLS news or information by email**

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