

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

January 2013

Happy New Year!

It's 'Use up your tokens' time! We have already emailed to let you know if you have outstanding tokens, but do check with us if you're unsure what you still have. Would you like projects for after half term? **HURRY! HURRY!** We can offer a fantastic use for them with our project boxes of 24 items per token. We have compiled 300 projects over the Christmas holidays, but still have plenty of great fiction and non-fiction stock as well as artefact boxes! Or you could book places on Inset Training or librarian time to promote reading for pleasure in your school. Tokens may not be carried over to next term

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This year, the School Library Service Mobile has visited 165 schools, seen 11,109 children and 1,264 staff. 57,351 books have been issued and 49,379 returned. In addition it spent a happy summer holiday as the Summer Reading Challenge mobile helping to take story lab and the public library out to a variety of communities! In addition we have issued 1308 bespoke project box loans comprising approx 31,392 books or artefacts. Still very much in business then! Thanks for all your support.



Time for a story on the SLS mobile

Preparing for the new science curriculum...

SLS has a fantastic range of non-fiction to support all science subjects, including some biographies of scientists. Supplement your SLS Project Boxes with free Science resource boxes for loan: The **Teacher Scientist Network's Kit Club** provides high-quality boxes of resources to support science teaching.

Schools just have to sign up and can then borrow resources for up to half a term. This service is free-of-charge at the moment and boxes have to be collected from the **John Innes Centre**, Norwich. Contents include First Aid and Florence Nightingale, Biodiversity, Giant model eye and Sound. See www.tsn.org.uk

Junior Librarian: Do I really need to do a stock-check?

We are sometimes asked about Library stockchecks. Our best advice is that this need be done **no more than once every 5 years**. There are many other priorities in your library! If you think you have lost a lot of stock or are taking over a very neglected library it might be worth it. Talk to us first though as we may be able to help with cost effective scanner hire and even a person to make the job quicker and easier.

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Websites and Competitions

Don't forget the Read for My School initiative to promote reading for pleasure for years 5 and 6. Have a look at the book list and contact us if you need obtain any of the books.



<http://www.readformyschool.co.uk/>

Another competition for primary schools runs from 11 December 2012 to 16 April 2013. Get your classroom buzzing about books by taking part in the Literacy Trust Spring 2013 competition with Oxford University Press and safe social learning platform, Makewaves. Your *Monster Read* challenges pupils to share their favourite read with their peers in an exciting

and original way and is sure to engage even the most reluctant readers.

The **Judges' Choice** winner will receive:

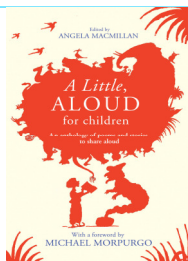
For themselves: An e-reader, a voucher for www.amazon.co.uk worth £50 and a set of books by Ali Sparkes.

For their school: A 12 month PRO account with Makewaves (worth up to £1000), a choice of Oxford University Press resources worth £500, and a **visit from Ali Sparkes**. Lots of other great prizes on offer. http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/schools_teaching/competitions/your_monster_read



Books, books books!

A Little Aloud is a new collection of story extracts and poems to read aloud to your class. It is available as part of a project or on the Mobile Library in our new Education Resources collection. Have a look at their website too for ideas to encourage reading in your school.



<http://thereader.org.uk/events-and-publications/a-little-aloud/>

Leblond, Michael; Bertrand, Frederique
New York in Pyjamarama

Move a piece of acetate with a black grid over the images in this book and you are guaranteed a big WOW! Plot? Um, not bothered to follow it yet – the 'moving' pictures are the big draw here, and make this book a visual marvel.

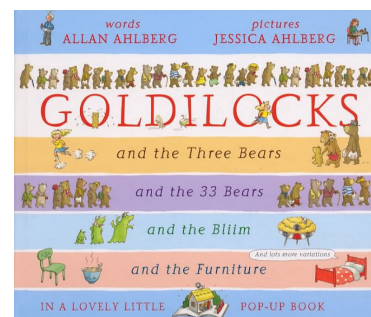
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Dunbar, Joyce; McCafferty, Jan. Magic Lemonade

This reads aloud beautifully and is a sweet story, showing what can be done within the constraints of a short chapter book. Just one of many jolly and attractive series for children needing lots of reading experience at a reassuringly simple level.

Ahlberg, Allan; Ahlberg, Jessica
The Goldilocks Variations

In this clever book the detailed illustrations by daughter Jessica are strongly reminiscent of her mother's, and dad Allan is on top form with wonderful language, jokes and puns – absolutely fabulous.



Booktrust

The Ant Club is the extended offer for primary schools, aimed at pupils in both Reception and Year 1. The wonderful Nick Sharratt has brought to life a range of printed and online resources which will include rhyme, role play, fairy tale and poetry to support work with children and parents around communication, language and literacy. Booktrust recommended reading lists for EYFS and KS1 will be released termly. You should already have been invited to sign your school up for this by Booktrust



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