

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

Please pin this up in your staff room!

April 2016

What have we been up to with children...?

As part of the **North Norfolk Stories** project we have welcomed children to County Hall (oh, the risk assessment!). Three schools have brought children to the Norfolk Record Office and the SLS base for activities focused around the history of their local area, involving trains and using our Victorian toys as well as practising basic research skills and having the chance to borrow some of our lovely books.



We have also been busy at Norwich Castle where schools had a wonderful morning at a Cressida Cowell '**How to Train your Dragon**' event and the **Peter's Book of the Year Norfolk SLS party** in the afternoon. Children decorated ruined wedding cakes (it woz the witch wot dun it), produced mini dramas using pirate speak, and were quizzed on their knowledge of the shortlisted books before voting for their favourites. Our Norfolk winner was 'How to Fight a Dragon's Fury' by Cressida Cowell, but the official winner of the Peter's Book of the Year award for Junior Fiction was 'How to Fly with Broken Wings' by Jane Elson.

Norfolk & Norwich Festival 2016

This year's Norfolk & Norwich Festival (13 – 29 May) has some exciting opportunities for members of the community to either perform in the Festival or for schools, colleges and universities to engage with performances or workshops. Their schools programme, A Day at the Festival, offers a bespoke line-up of engagement opportunities for children and young people and can be found here on their website: <http://www.nnfestival.org.uk/a-day-at-the-festival>

To perform in this year's Festival please see the following two links:

- http://www.nnfestival.org.uk/participate_tempest
- http://www.nnfestival.org.uk/participate_belongings

Shakespeare year

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death with events all over the country, including in Stratford-upon-Avon and London. Take a look at www.shakespeare400.org. The BBC also has exciting plans to complement the national celebrations, and remember to sign up for free resources every year - there is an annual Shakespeare Week shakespeareweek.org.uk

In Norfolk visit any public library to pick up a title from the 'Shakespeare Rewritten' collection - this year's Great Big Read. In April the Maddermarket Theatre in Norwich will be running its own mini Shakespeare festival. This site has added relevance as St John's Maddermarket, just opposite the theatre, is where Shakespeare's fellow actor Will Kemp ended his Nine Days Wonder dancing from London to Norwich by leaping over the churchyard wall. Also look out for the Norwich Theatre Royal hosting a very special touring production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, using professional RSC actors as well as local people. <http://www.dream2016.org.uk/>

There is lots to look forward to, including a new Young Adult (YA) title from the wonderful Malorie Blackman. Out in April, it is called Chasing the Stars and is based on Othello. A science fiction take on the themes of the play, it sounds original and powerful.



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Summer Term INSET 2016

You can find full details of the training courses we're offering on both the SLS website and via the Services to Schools SLA page. This term, we're holding the following sessions:

- **3rd May 2016:** Hungry Eye - Visual Literacy at KS2
- **25th May 2016:** Motivating Readers - Higher KS2 and KS3
- **7th June 2016:** Promoting Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) Development Through Books
- **16th July 2016:** Making the Most of Junior Librarian

Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/sls or www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk for more information, or get in touch with us directly to book a place on any of the courses.

New Authors available!

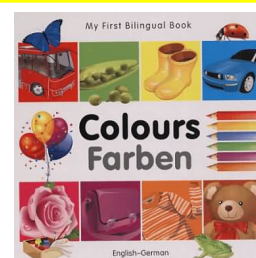
We've recently reviewed our author visits offer and are pleased to announce that we've added Helen Moss and Ella Burfoot to our roster! Both are able to work with KS1 & 2, with Helen also available for KS3. A full flyer will be making its way out to schools during the first week back, so do look out for this.

If you're interested in having an author visit during the summer term, now's a great time to get planning. Remember, the 'Early Bird' period for maintained schools ends on 31st May 2016, so buy early to ensure you get your SLS tokens at our great value 'Early Bird' price of £70 each!

Early years - English as an Additional Language

Language development in the Early years is so crucial and we have some lovely resources to support you, and particularly for your EAL families. Dual language, single foreign language and beautiful illustrated books about other cultures will all enhance provision in your classroom.

Norfolk SLS customers can order a small collection for an individual student free of charge. We can also make up full project boxes of 24 books for 1 SLS token.



Project loan prize draw winners

Antingham and South Repps Primary School were the lucky winners of the prize draw for returning their project evaluation form in Autumn; they received a free project box of their choice worth 1 SLS token. Of her 'Local area and London' project, Miss Higgins wrote:

"There was a good range of books and even a photo album of our local area. It was an easy service and I had no troubles when I ordered a few days before it arrived! We got 'like new' books which gave pupils a positive learning experience."

You could be next! Projects are highly valued and we love to get feedback about them. An evaluation form is placed into each project we send out – just return it in the box when you return your project, or get in touch if you would prefer to be emailed the form to complete.

Courier dates

The educational courier delivery and collection dates for the summer term are below. If you have anything to return or would like project boxes or stationery orders to be sent to your school, please get your requests to us in good time.

18/19th May 17/20th June 18/19th July

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