

# Book Bites

Tasty morsels from your **Education Library Service**

**Please pin this up in your staff room!**

**May 2017**

## **Tweet tweet! Be an Early Bird**

Don't forget that we are still in the 'Early Bird' purchasing period for local authority schools, ELS tokens still cost just £70 until the end of May, so you just have time to get even better value and save £10 on *every token* (normal price is £80). Use your budget wisely and buy now to use later!

Academies 'Early Bird' period for 2017-18 services is available from early next month until the end of October. Buy early and make the most of the reduced token price. Take a look at our website [www.norfolk.gov.uk/els](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/els) or the Educator Solutions website [www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk) for full details of our service.

We offer a flexible cost effective service and are able to tailor all of our services to suit customer requirements. Combinations of tokens opens up lots of other services. And buying even just one makes the school a customer, opening up all sorts of *free bonus extras*. If you don't see the exact service you require, contact us and we will do our very best to accommodate your needs. To discuss your requirements, please contact the ELS office on 01603 222265 or e-mail us at [education.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:education.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk)

## **New! Library housekeeping at extra value**

Because we appreciate how little time your staff have to work in your library we have taken a look to see how we can help you ensure that your library remains a hub of learning and reading for pleasure.

Our new service offers you the chance to have an experienced Senior Library Assistant work in your library at least once each term (half day and full day options available). This time could be spent on labelling books, weeding (removing from your library) for condition, cataloguing new stock on to your library management system, completing 'housekeeping' on your management system or simply advising and assisting your own library staff with the day to day running of the library.

Schools that have already signed up to the service will be contacted shortly to book their first day!

## **Out and about...**

Our lovely mobile library has been doing the rounds; it called in at Attleborough Junior School last term, and librarian Gill Mitchell commented:

*Being able to change so many books every year is the best way to renew and update our library stock (and the most cost-effective). It is an excellent opportunity for all children and particularly those who may not otherwise visit libraries to have access to new authors and discover what the world of publishing has to offer.*



Thanks for your feedback, Gill! If our mobile library has visited your school recently, please make sure you complete and send back your evaluation form to let us know how your day went— we love to hear about your experiences and we value all feedback!

## Join the Animal Agents this summer at your local Norfolk Library

In 2017 Norfolk Libraries are aiming to encourage even more children to complete the **Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge**, having fun with books and keeping up their reading. More information can be found at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/ELS](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/ELS), [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries) and the Summer Reading Challenge website: [www.animal-agents.org.uk](http://www.animal-agents.org.uk)

## INSET: Summer and Autumn term

See below for our summer and autumn term INSET courses. We also have an exciting **NEW** course planned, and would love to hear from any staff who are interested in attending, so we can put you on a list to get more information.

We are planning a half day course on **Cultivating Empathy and Well-being Through Books in the Primary School** with outside speakers and lots of lovely books on show. The venue will be County Hall, but the date has not yet been confirmed. Keep an eye out for updates!

You can find full details of the following training courses we're offering on both the ELS website and via the Educator Solutions page.

- **13th June:** Blogging in the Classroom
- **6th October:** Blogging in the Classroom
- **11th October:** Managing your library
- **1st November:** An introduction to Junior Librarian.net
- **15th November:** Libraries and their Impact on School Improvement (free, for Governors only)

For more information, visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/els](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/els) or [www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk) or get in touch with us directly to book a place on any of the courses: [education.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:education.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk)

## Young Norfolk Arts Festival

The Young Norfolk Arts Trust offers a year round programme of creative projects and events by and for young people. The Young Norfolk Arts Festival represents the peak of its activity and this year most events will take place between 28th June and 10th July. There will definitely be something for everyone so keep an eye out for the Festival brochure which will be published at the end of May and also check out the website; [www.ynaf.org.uk](http://www.ynaf.org.uk).



Highlights of the Festival include:

- **28th & 29th June:** The YNAF and Garage stage at the Royal Norfolk Show
- **30th June & 6th July:** The Hip hop Shakespeare Company performances at Norwich Arts Centre and St George's Theatre in Great Yarmouth
- **2nd July:** Dancing Gods: an Indian Dance Performance at the Norwich Playhouse
- **4th July:** The Norfolk Children's Book Festival in Norwich Cathedral
- **8th & 9th July:** Various performances during the Lord Mayor's Celebrations including young musicians performing on the new Lost River stage.
- **9th July:** War Horse concert performance with Michael Morpurgo in St Andrew's Hall

## Courier dates for the Summer term

This term's educational courier delivery and collection dates are listed below. If you have anything to return to us or would like project boxes or stationery orders to be sent to your school, please send your requests to us in good time. Academies, contact us directly to arrange a delivery or collection.

**16th/19th June    18th/19th July**

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