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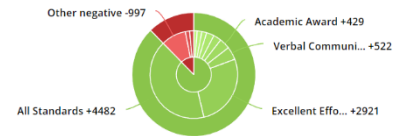
Weekly Newsletter – 04.03.22

Hello! مرحباً! Ahoj! Ola! Dzień dobry! Salut! Hello!

Belong:

It's been another busy week at Willows High. We are enjoying welcoming back visitors to our school including our learning coaches and mentors, visiting speakers and theatre productions. We have recapped our habits for learning, manners and rules in tutor time and it has been a pleasure to see our pupils wearing their Willows blazers with pride as they move safely around the school. We would like to thank our pupils for abiding by our rules of working hard, being ready to learn and being kind to others.

Breakdown of the Week
27/02/2022 - 03/03/2022



Merits – 25.02.22 – 03.03.22:

We respect the effort that our pupils are putting into their character and studies. A huge Willows well done to all of this week's merit winners:

Year Group	Total	Excellent Effort	Merit Champions
Year 7	2343	7Curie	Ethan Godwin, Milana Kozlovska, Halsho Mohammed, Sienna Robinson
Year 8	2265	8Farah	Madison Mills
Year 9	1582	9Wollstonecraft	Mhamad Rahim
Year 10	2253	10Mozart	Chinaza Okafor
Year 11	1053	11Inness	Temesghen Daniel

School News:

English Department:

Debate Mate:

Following the school's recent success at the Dubai Expo Factor Debating competition, we were invited to the launch of the Debate Mate Schools Programme in Cardiff (first of its kind in Wales!)

The launch event took place on 4th March at City Hall, and was attended by Cllr Merry, Mike Tate, Assistant Director of Education for Cardiff and industry partners and sponsors. Thirty pupils from Willows attended with Miss Cook and Miss Nelms and listened to talks, debates and information on what is to come over the next few months. Our own pupils Crystal and Marzooq took part in a show debate together with other

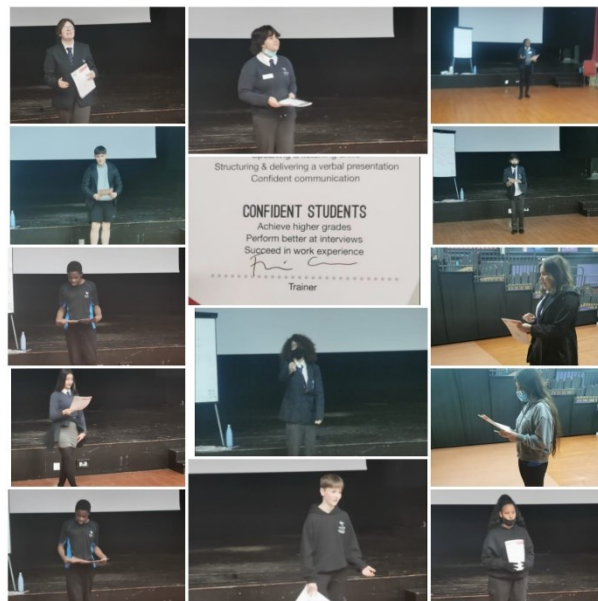


schools from across Cardiff. They were fantastic and were also able to share their experiences about their winning trip to Dubai.

Willows is now part of the Debate Mate programme, and we look forward to more exciting trips and events that are due to take place! All pupils are welcome to Debate Club which runs on a Wednesday after school.

Talk the Talk:

A variety of Year 9 pupils were selected to take part in a confidence building workshop by renowned company, 'Talk the Talk.' The pupils added to their repertoire of effective speech writing and developed their body language, facial expressions and speech delivery skills through games and structured discussions. By the end of the day, every pupil performed a well-constructed and presented speech to their peers. We are very proud of their participation and we are convinced that we have some great orators of the future! Da iawn pawb!



Year 10 Coaching:

We are very grateful to be able to work with Elevate and the University of South Wales who have teamed up to offer our Year 10's academic coaching in the lead up to their exams. The pupils really enjoyed their introductory session this week and have set some ambitious goals for the future. Da iawn, Year 10 – we are very proud of you!

Health and Well-being:

School Nursing Team:

HPV Vaccine Second Dose:

A reminder that the School Nursing Immunisation Team will be visiting Willows High School on 14th March 2022 to administer the second dose of the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine. This is for year 9 and 10 pupils who have already received their first vaccination and also for year 11 girls who have not had their second dose. Parents have been sent the letter link via



Classcharts and can access it here: www.willowshigh.co.uk/2nddosehpv

Safeguarding:

A reminder that our school safeguarding can be contacted if you have any worries or concerns about a child: Danielle.Mackintosh@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk

Physical Punishment is Against the Law:

You may have seen that Physical Punishment is now illegal in Wales. This includes smacking, hitting, shaking and slapping. There is more information from our safeguarding officer attached to the end of this newsletter.

Cardiff Foodbank:

Willows High School is a partner agency for Cardiff Foodbank.

If you need a Foodbank Voucher please call Sam Watt (Family and Community Engagement Officer, Willows) in confidence on 02922 672744/07592 037937

Willows Uniform Exchange:

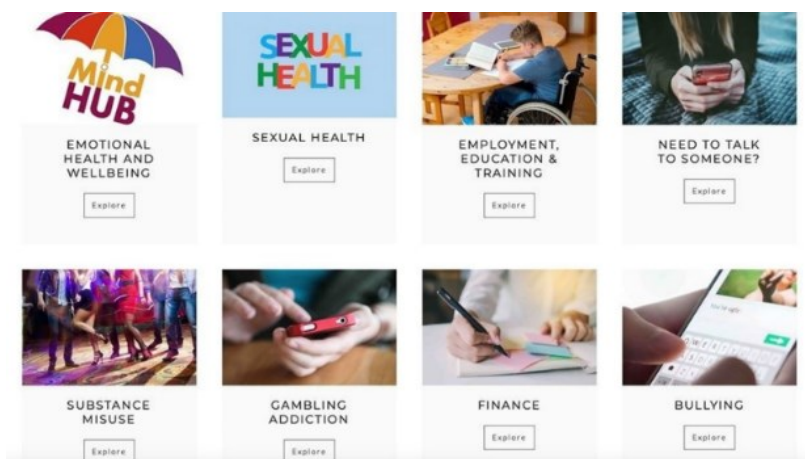
A reminder to donate any spare Willows uniform to our uniform exchange run by Ms. Watt in our Learning Lounge. We particularly need spare Willows PE tops. If you have any at home that have gone too small, please bring them in to benefit others. Likewise, if your child needs any pre-owned uniform, ask them to speak to their Welfare Officer and we will arrange this for them.

Cardiff Youth Service:

Cardiff Youth Service can support young people on a variety of topics such as emotional health, housing, finance and help lines. More information can be found on their website:

<http://cardiffyouthservices.wales/>

Here is a reminder of some of the key services available for young people and their families:



- **School nurse** – pupils can text 07520615718 or ‘chat’ on ‘Chathealth.NHS.UK’ for confidential advice and support.
- **Family Gateway** – 03000133133 – provides advice for families no matter how big or small the problem.
- **Food Bank*** - our nearest food bank can be found at St. Saviours Church on Splott Road. For dates and times, go to <https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk/>
- **Period Poverty** – Please e-mail Mrs. Bubbins at Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk if you need feminine hygiene products and we’ll do our best to help.

Community:

Ukraine Appeal:

A huge thank you to our very kind parents, pupils and staff for their quick response and fantastic donations to our Ukraine appeal. Some special mentions go to:

- Sahil Varia and the Young Entrepreneurs club for their £100 donation.
- Ivett and Mariana for their help in sorting the donations. They were extremely moved by everyone’s

kindness and they sent a video to their families in Ukraine.

- Dennis and Jayden for helping Ms. Watt load the bags and boxes into the car!
- Ms. Watt for co-ordinating the whole thing!

We are very proud of you all! If you wish to speak to your child about the situation in Ukraine you can find information here; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>



Cardiff Needs you!

You may be aware Cardiff Council launched their Cardiff Child Friendly City Strategy on World Children's Day in 2018 and are now in the 'recognition year', preparing for a formal assessment by UNICEF UK this Autumn. If we achieve recognition, we will be the first city in the UK to do so!

They are really keen to ensure that pupils in our school can make a real contribution to helping Cardiff assess progress, and to identify areas that need to keep improving.

With this in mind, please would you take 5 minutes to complete the survey which can be accessed using the link below:

[Child Friendly Cardiff eSurvey: Secondary School age](#)

Thank you in advance for your contribution, we think it is really important for you all to have your say. Get your voice heard and make a difference!

Applications for Cardiff and the Vale College – September 2022:

Cardiff and the Vale College are accepting applications online for courses starting in September. Spaces fill up quickly on many courses, so they advise people to apply as soon as possible. Browse courses, find out more about support and take a virtual tour of our campuses here <https://cavc.ac.uk>

Diolch:

As always, thank you for your support. If there are any problems, we would appreciate that you contact the relevant person in school straight away rather than using social media platforms. We will always try our best to reach a solution and this will ensure your concern is seen and avoid any misinformation and miscommunication.

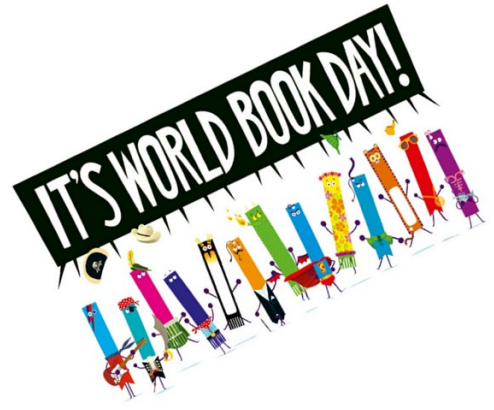
A polite reminder that our teachers and Welfare Officers are very busy working with children throughout the day. To avoid disappointment, please ring or e-mail school to book an appointment with the relevant person rather than turning up at school reception.

By working together we can ensure your child's success.

Team Willows

Quiz:

Last week's Quiz Super-stars were; [Kayden Allen](#), [Hope Allen](#), [Joseph Williams](#), [Halsho Mohammed](#), [Noah Roberts](#) – Da iawn! Take part in this week's quiz for your praise card and prize!



World Book Day Quiz:

Thank you to Mrs. Lo Celso and the Book Club for writing this week's quiz in celebration of World Book day this week. A reminder of our Literary Canon (attached to the end of the newsletter and in your Knowledge Organisers). Tick off the books you have read and find the rest in the library. Your child will soon receive their World Book Day voucher from their form tutor. These can be exchanged for books in supermarkets and bookshops across Cardiff:

Harry Potter series

What were Harry Potter's parents' Names?

- a) Pertunia and Vernon
- b) James and Lilly
- c) Hermione and Ron
- d) Molly and Arthur

What did Hagrid get Harry for Christmas?

- a) A cloak
- b) A Nimbus 2000
- c) A flute
- d) A wand

How do you get into the Chamber of Secrets?

- a) Flush a toilet
- b) Turn the tap
- c) Speak Parseltongue
- d) Cast Expelliarmus

True or false:

Did Harry put his name in the Goblet of Fire?

What date were Harry's parents killed on?

- a) Easter
- b) Christmas
- c) Halloween
- d) Bonfire Night (Guy Fawkes Night)



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

What fruit did the caterpillar eat on the 3rd day?

- a) 3 apples
- b) 3 pears
- c) 3 oranges
- d) 3 plums

Gangsta Granny

What did Grandma try to steal?

- a) The Queen's Corgi
- b) The Queen's slipper
- c) The Queen
- d) The crown jewels

Oliver Twist

What did Oliver want?

- a) More soup
- b) More porridge
- c) More gruel
- d) More chips

A Christmas Carol

How many spirits visited Ebenezer Scrooge?

- a) Two
- b) Three
- c) Four
- d) Five

Holes

What is the camp called in Holes?

- a) Camp Dusty Lake
- b) Green Camp Play
- c) Camp Brown Lake
- d) Camp Green Lake

Roald Dahl collection

James and the Giant Peach

What insect was NOT on the peach?

- a) Grasshopper
- b) Centipede
- c) Cricket
- d) Spider

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

What happened to Veruca Salt?

- a) Inflated and turned blue
- b) fell into chocolate river
- c) Got shrunk
- d) Was thrown down the rubbish shoot by the squirrels

The BFG

True or False:

Was Sophie from The BFG orphaned?

Matilda

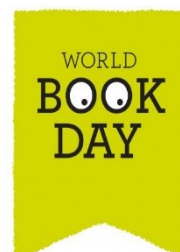
What was the name of Miss Trunchbull's punishment cupboard?

- a) The Okie-Dokie
- b) The Spikey
- c) The Hokey Pokey
- d) The Chokey

George's Marvellous Medicine

What happened to Grandma?

- a) Grew shorter
- b) Grew taller
- c) Grew fatter
- d) Grew thinner



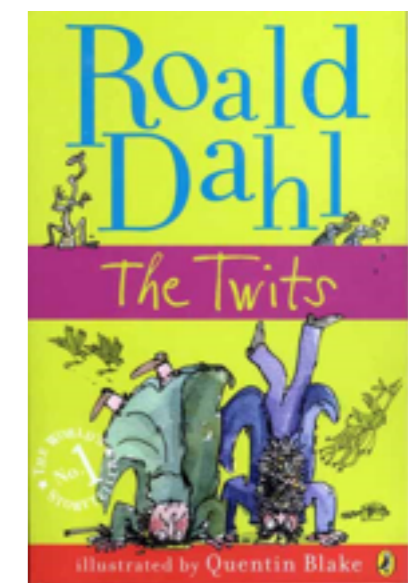
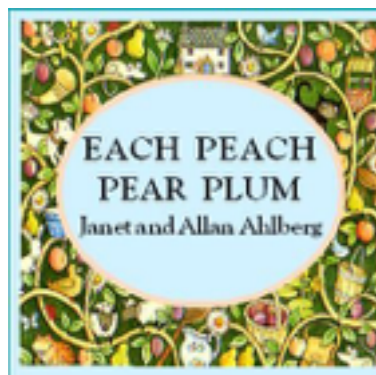
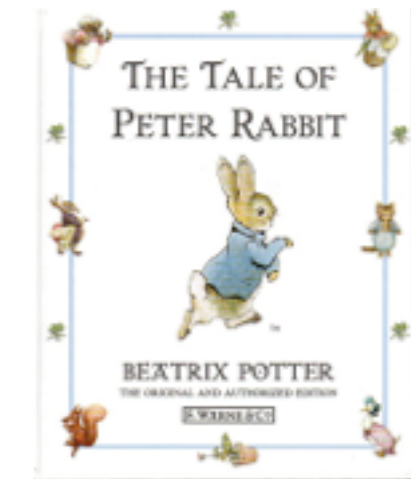
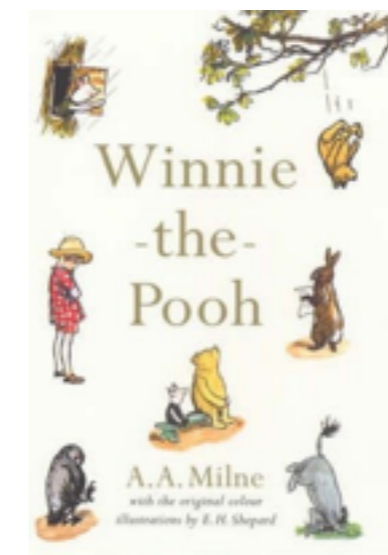
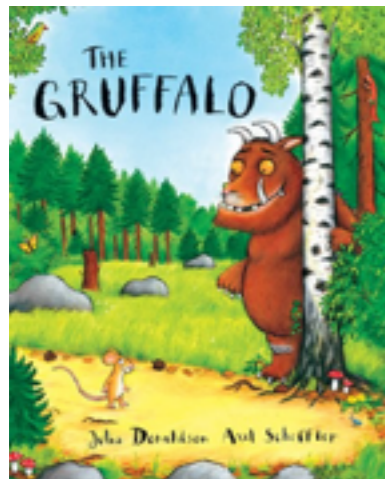
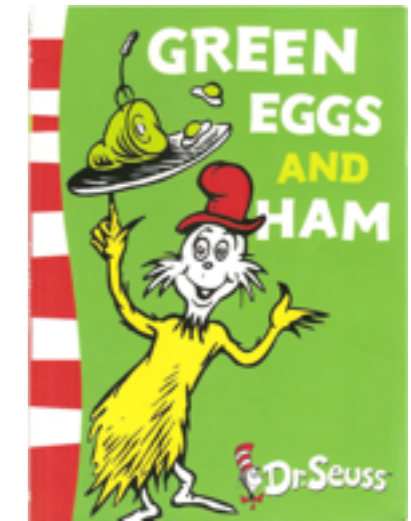
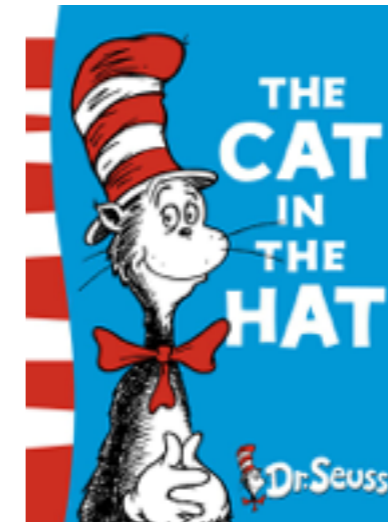
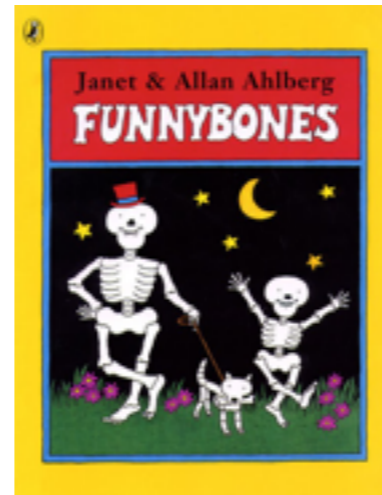


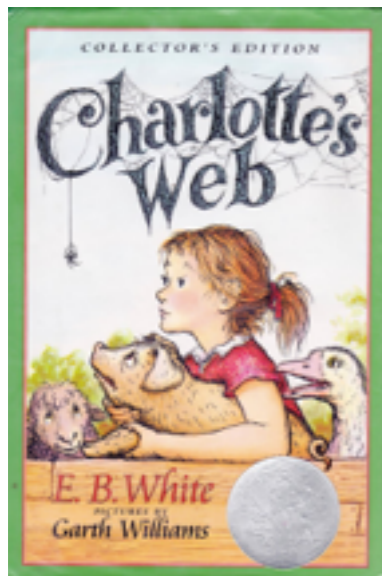
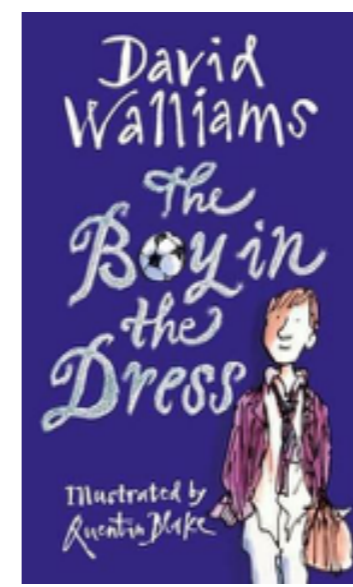
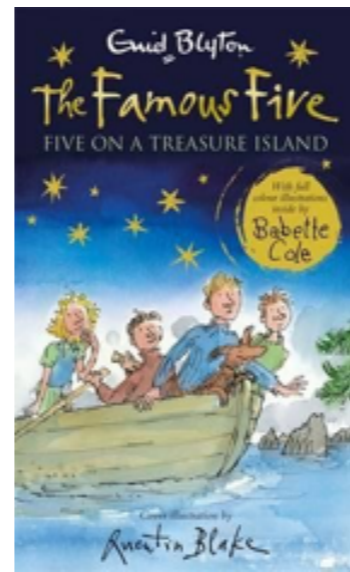
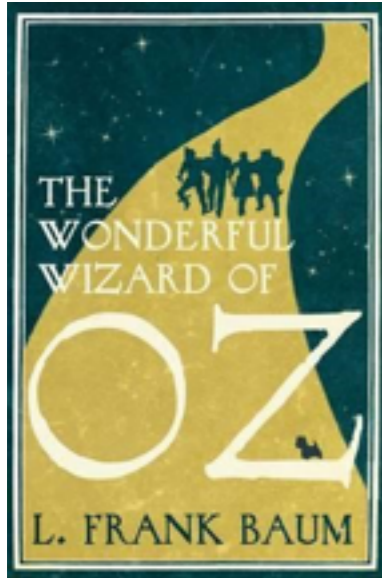
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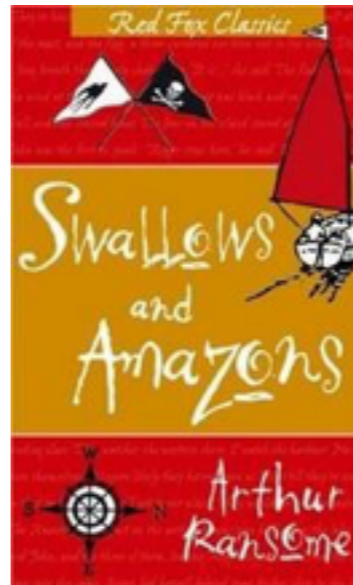
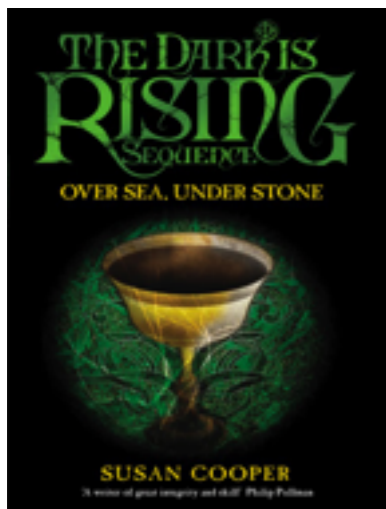
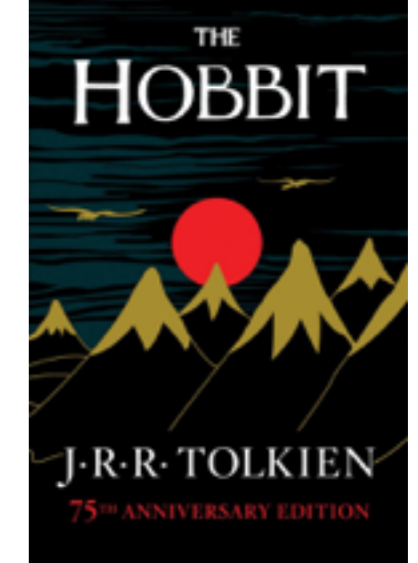
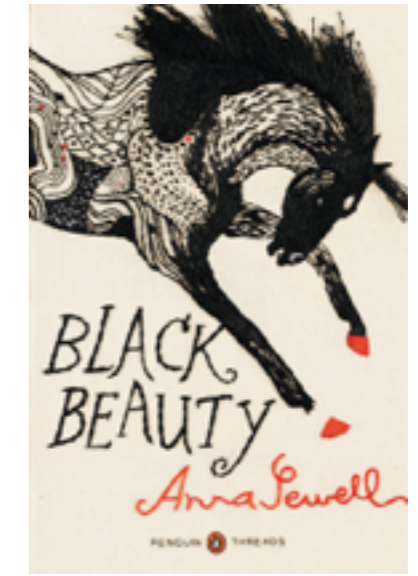
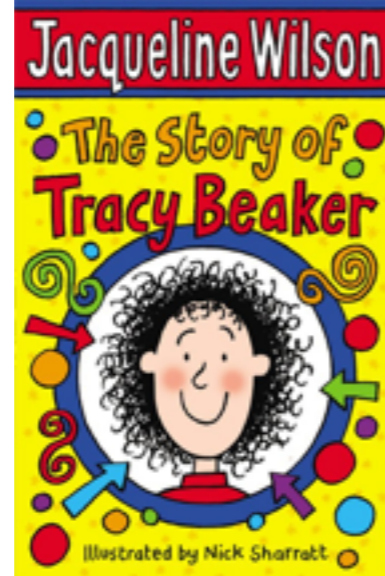
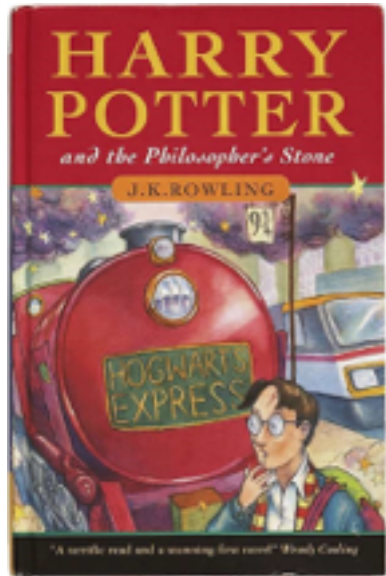
The 'Willows Literary Canon' consists of 100 texts that you should aim to read before you leave school. These texts are all well-known classics. Acquiring familiarity with these texts will stand you in good stead in the future. You will be able to understand cultural references in the wider world. You will be able to match and excel your peers' knowledge at University.

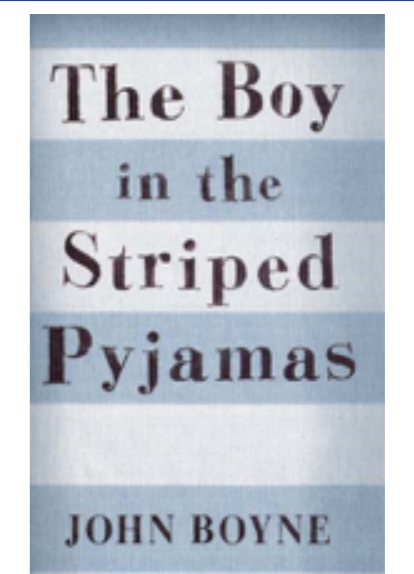
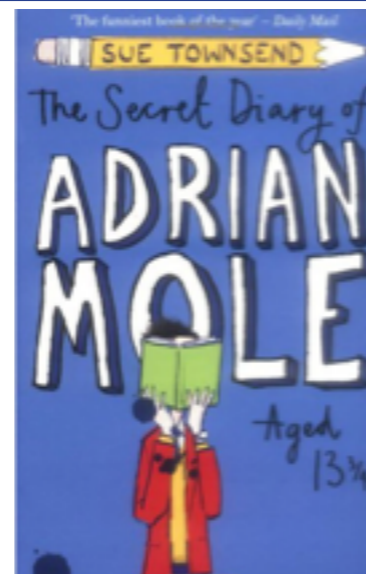
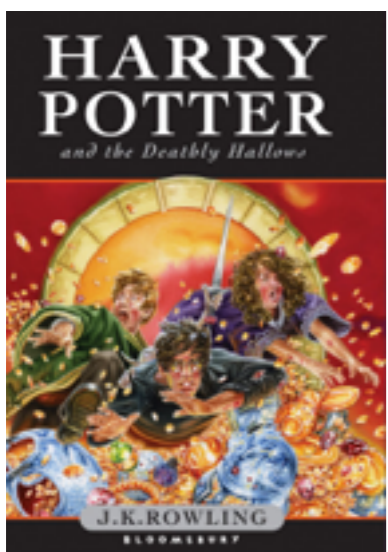
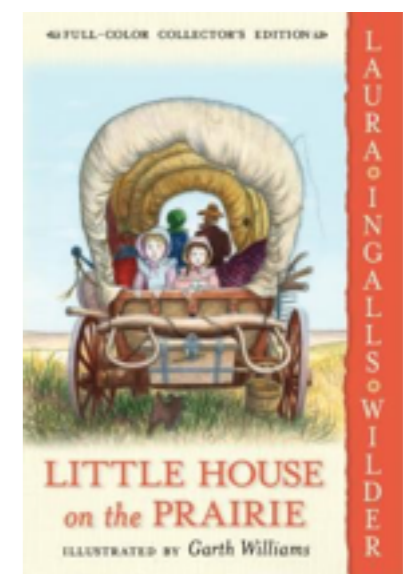
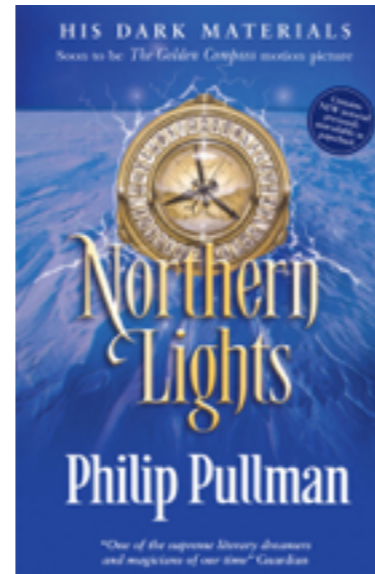
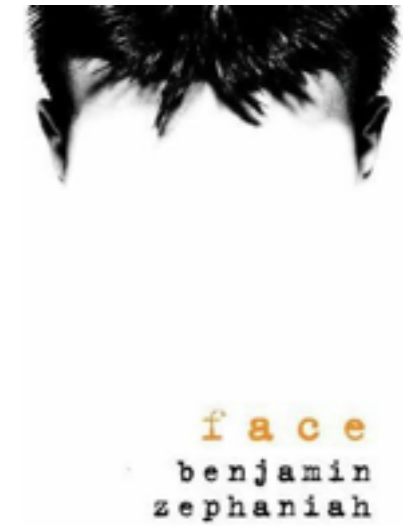
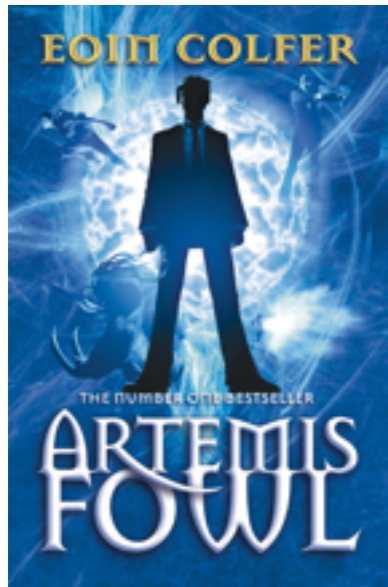
Many of these texts are available in the school library. All of the texts are available from any Cardiff Library. Some of the texts will be read in class but you are expected to read most of them individually at home (minimum of 20 minutes per night). After completing a text, you must complete the 'Accelerated Reader' quiz and write your review in your reading journal.

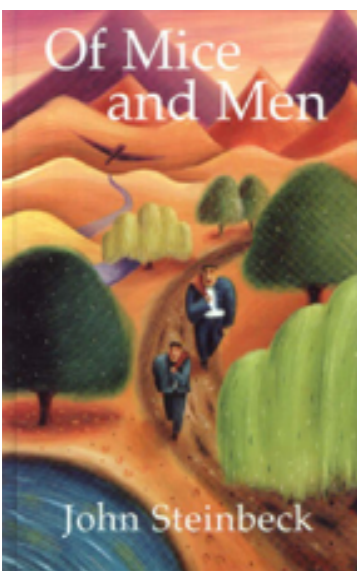
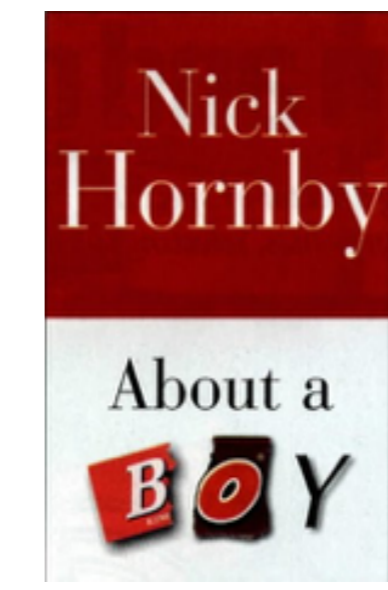
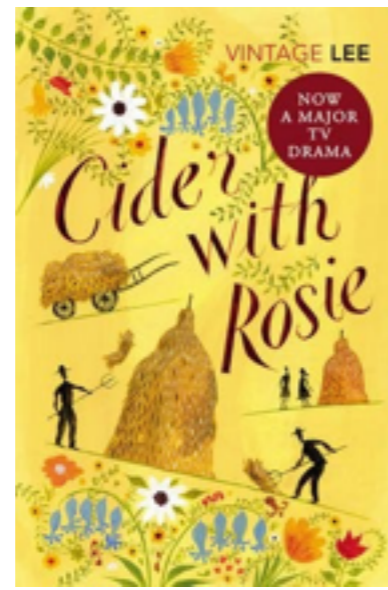
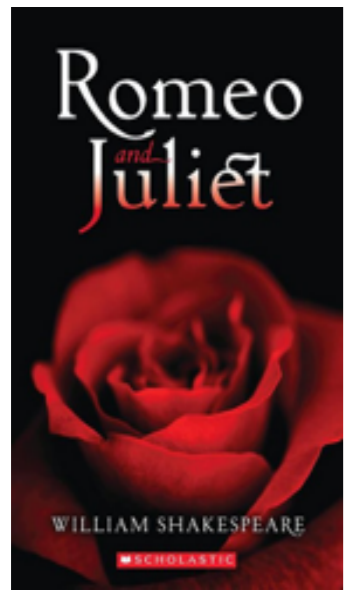
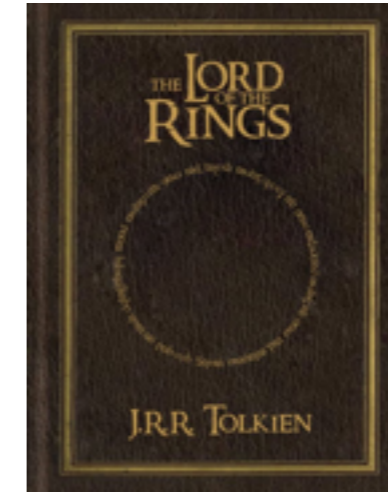
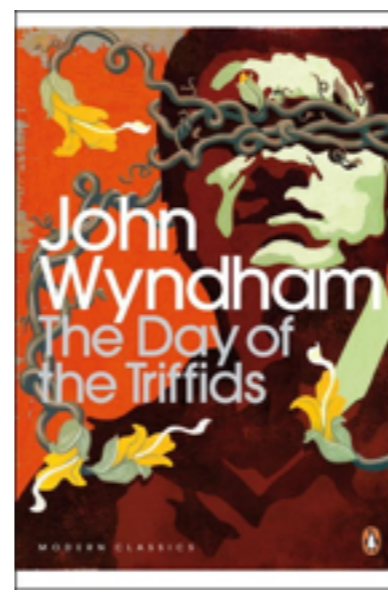
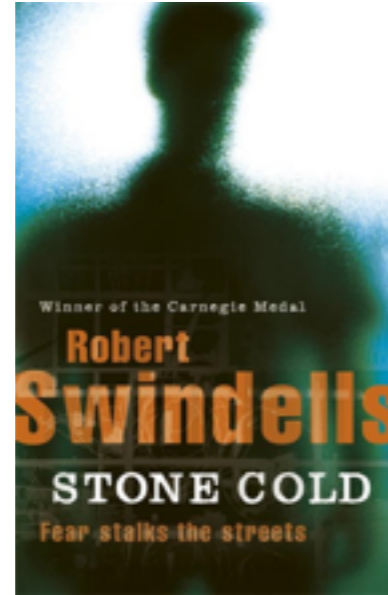
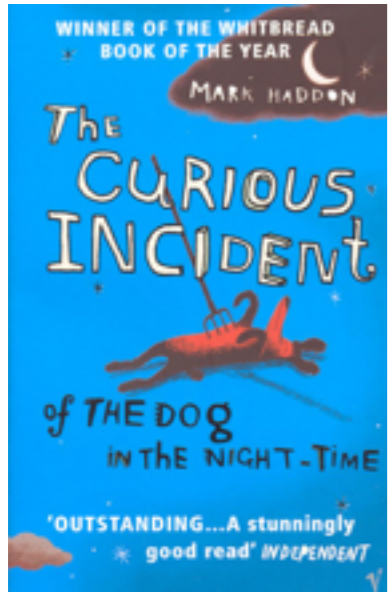
Remember the amount of reading that you complete will not only lead to you being awarded your reading badges but to a successful future.

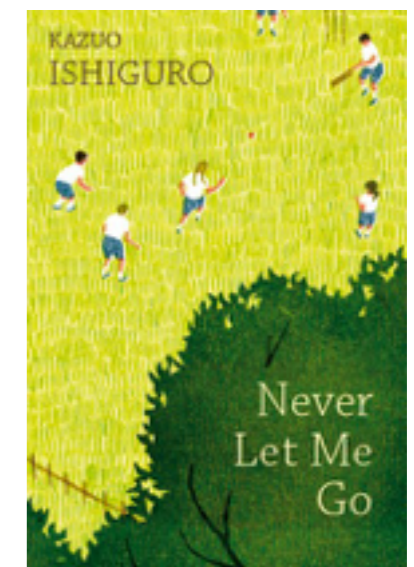
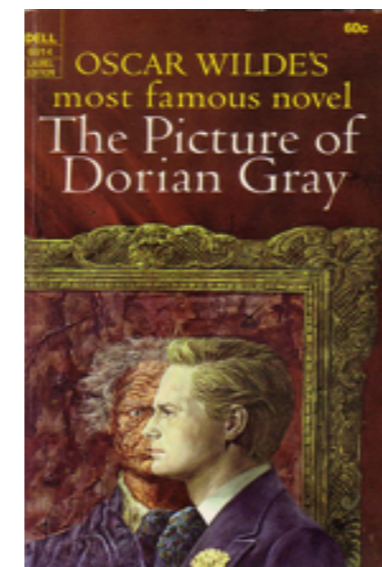
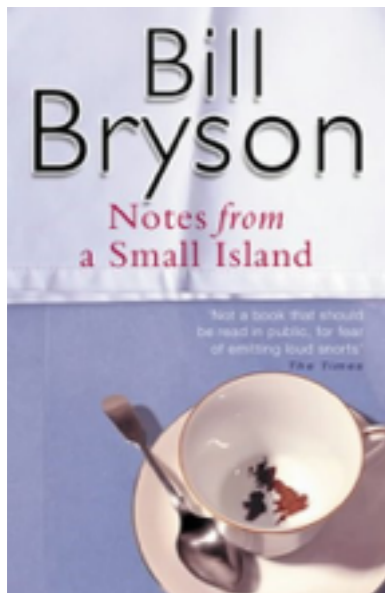
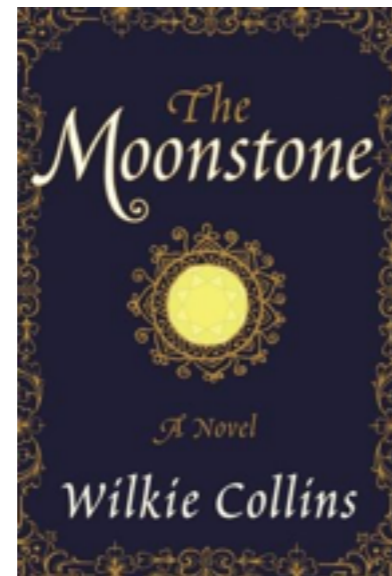
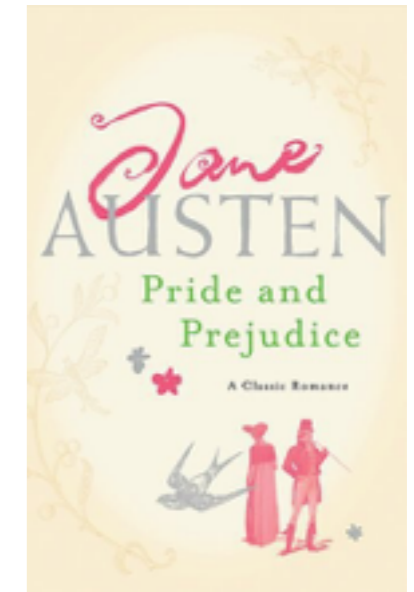
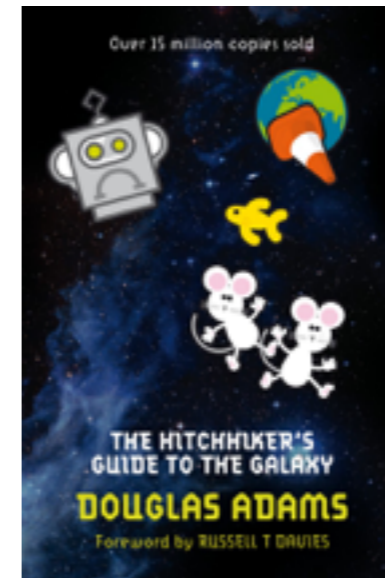
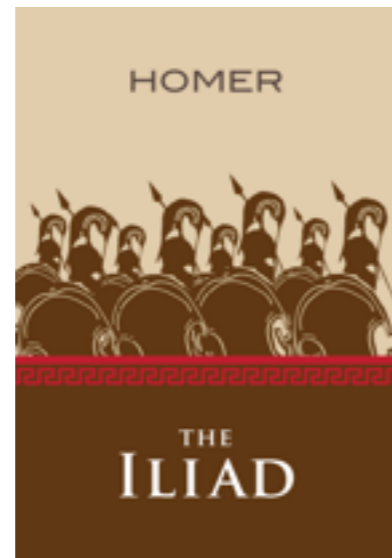
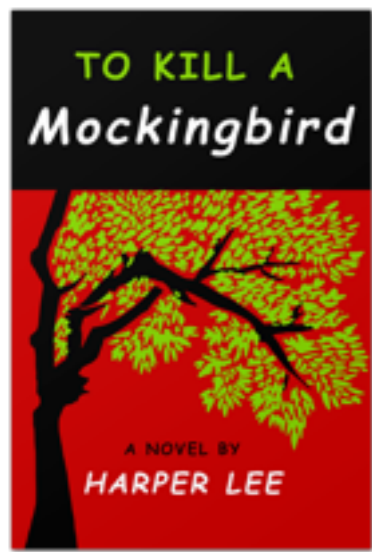


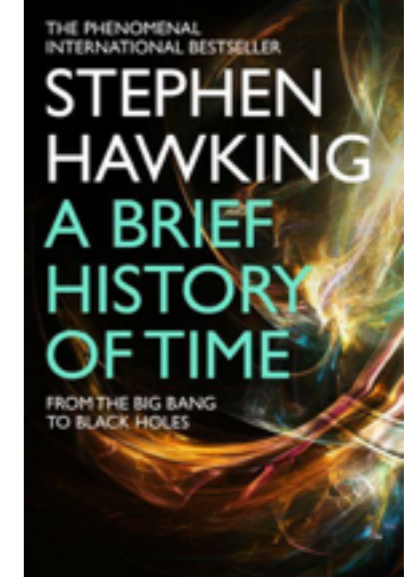
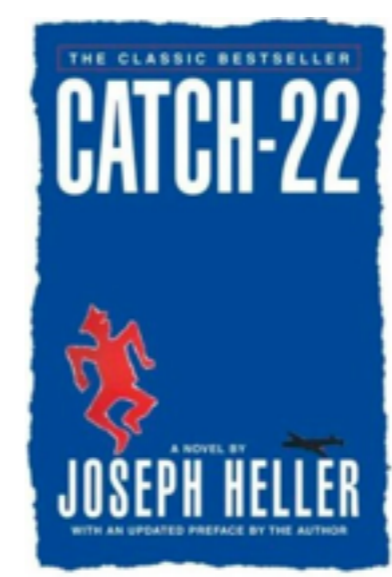
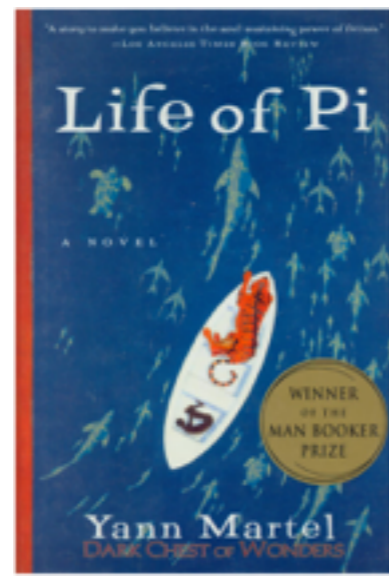
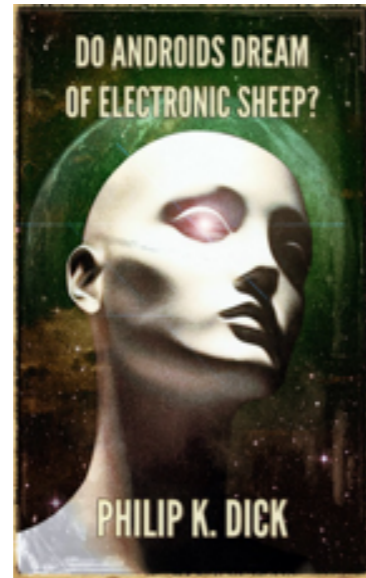
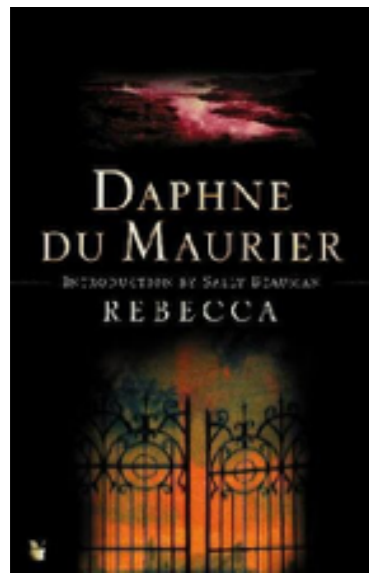












How many have you read?



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21 Mawrth 2022

Stopio Cosbi

Corfforol

Bydd cosbi plant yn gorfforol yn anghyfreithlon yng Nghymru.

Mae sawl math o gosb gorfforol. Fel smacio, taro, slapio ac ysgwyd. Ond mae mathau eraill hefyd.

llyw.cymru/StopioCosbiCorfforol



21 March 2022

Ending Physical

Punishment

Physical punishment of children will be illegal in Wales.

There are lots of types of physical punishment. It can mean smacking, hitting, slapping and shaking. But there are other types too.

gov.wales/EndPhysicalPunishment

Any concerns email –

Danielle.Mackintosh@willows.cardiff.sch.uk

Parent Support & Advice -

www.cardiffamilies.co.uk

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