



# Ringwood News

Ringwood School

**CHRISTMAS EDITION**  
December 2024



# Welcome to Ringwood News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Christmas 2024 newsletter.

As ever, it has been a busy term filled with lots of activities for our students. There has been very active engagement in these opportunities from our students and recognition of our commitment to extra curricular opportunities with three external awards.

Firstly, we have been awarded the School Games Gold award for the third year running due to our commitment to the development of sport and physical activity across the curriculum and into the community. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. We aim to use the School Games to engage young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school, and to deliver positive experiences that will encourage young people to try out new activities beyond school.

Secondly, we have been awarded the 'Music Mark' for our extensive extra-curricular music opportunities as showcased this week during the annual Carol Concert. If you enjoyed the concert, do watch out for the Production tickets going on sale after Christmas. This year it is Beauty and the Beast and it promises to be magical.

We move from performing arts to creative arts for our third award. This year we have been awarded the 'Gold Partner School' status by Arts University Bournemouth. We have been awarded this as a result of our joint work with them supporting our A level students, the work we do around our annual photography competition and the extra curricular art offer during Activities Week each year. On the topic of Activities Week, this will launch straight after Christmas. I know that many Key Stage 3 students will be looking forward to that with much anticipation.

As for now, school is once again feeling Christmassy. Christmas lunches have been served; the Christmas trees are up; over 2,300 tins have been collected in our festive tins appeal; Yr 7 have enjoyed the annual Christmas disco and I am writing this wearing my Christmas jumper on Christmas jumper day. That of course means that we are just about to break up for what I hope will be a restful holiday with friends and family for all of us.

So, to everyone in the Ringwood School community, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Leanne Symonds, Headteacher



## Anti-Bullying Poem by Tutor Group 115



### Choose Respect

Choose to respect those who are different,  
Positive outcomes with no disagreement.  
We all have a choice to do what is decent,  
A respectful society should be our entitlement.

Chose to respect and be held accountable,  
Correct behaviour is applaudable.  
Rudeness and hatred are condemnable,  
Don't make difference feel uncomfortable.

Choose to respect those who are deserving,  
You then receive the respect you are earning.  
It's not worth being mean and hurting,  
Others who want to focus on their learning.



### ITaCS Department - Bebras Challenge 2024

During lessons in November all students in KS3, and KS4/KS5 Computing students took part in this year's Bebras Competition.

The Bebras Challenge introduces computational thinking to students around the world with over 430,000 students taking part this year. Each participant had 45 minutes to tackle a series of interactive tasks, designed to encourage logical thinking and problem-solving skills appropriate for their age group. The challenge was conducted online, and the tasks were designed to allow every student the opportunity to showcase their potential, whether they excel in maths or computing, or not. The challenge was organised by the Raspberry Pi Foundation and delivered in partnership with the University of Oxford.

All students have now received their results via email. Our top performing students in each year group are:

Year 7 - TJ Bailey and Emma Smart with 214 points

Year 8 - Rose Finney with 220 points (which is the highest score possible)

Year 9 - Phoebe Hack with 204 points

KS4 - Caitlin Jordan with 187 points

KS5 - Henry Stuttard with 161 points



# House News

The Heads of House are once again delighted to share with you news of House activities from this Autumn Term. Before term even started, work on getting the House Trophy engraved with the House Point Winners from the last academic year – Thornhill again! - and the Sports Day Cup – Hardy – was completed. These are proudly back on display in the Trophy Cabinet, near student reception.



## Danny Cracknell Tins Appeal – another amazing year!

It was 'all-hands-on-deck' in The Stables in mid-December, as each tutor group, from Year 7 to 13, brought in items they had donated to the annual local Danny Cracknell Christmas Appeal. Students were asked to bring in items including tins, dried foods, toiletries and winter hats, gloves and scarves. The appeal leaders, Jon Grant from the estate agents and the local



Salvation Army, helped sixth formers, staff and the mayor, sort and pack the items into two vans, (one of which was kindly donated by Abacus Hire).

It was excellent to see the school community rise to the challenge once again and surpass

both last year's total and the year before that, with an amazing 2308 items donated. As Principal Student D'Arcy Davies said:

"The annual Tins Collection has always been a rewarding event to get involved in. From year 7 to now, in year 13, I've enjoyed the opportunity to give back at such a special but challenging time of year!"

Thank you if you helped towards this.

## Knitting Challenge

Over the winter months, do remember the ongoing knitting challenge – 12cm squares, knitted or crocheted, any colour. Over 5000 squares were donated again last year and turned into more than 100 blankets for young people in care, given to care homes, used by Salisbury Baby Care Unit and other support services for people. Please do keep the squares coming in.



# House News

## Lunchtime Challenge Events – Just for Fun!

Each week the Heads of House have run a lunchtime event for fun – either something physical or intellectual or both to challenge students and create further competition amongst the Houses.

From quizzes to throwing games, making Poppies (displayed in the student entrance) to building cup towers, the range of events has been vast and the laughter and competition strong. These will be continuing into the New Year with new challenges.



## SPUD Day Fundraisers

Alongside raising funds for House charities, two other Students' Personal Uniform Days (SPUD) take place each academic year. The first one was in November for Children in Need. A total of £1582 was donated, via Arbor. The next SPUD is in the spring term. Payment of £2 per student is available to pay on Arbor, for those who didn't pay for the three days in advance in November.

## Performance Tables 2024

We are pleased to share the fantastic news that Ringwood School has achieved the top position in the performance tables for New Forset schools, based on the August 2024 GCSE results. This incredible accomplishment is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and high standards upheld by our students and staff. While we recognise that with any performance table someone inevitably has to be at the bottom, we feel it's important to celebrate this moment of success. This is a reflection

## Christmas Fayre



For the first time, a Christmas Fayre was run at a lunchtime to raise funds to help with the charity 'Tail Trail' the school is involved with (more details next issue). The Krispy Kreme doughnuts sold out as usual! The Candy Canes with a message delivery service got students hooked and the queue for the Hot Chocolate was out of the door!

At the time of writing, over £860 was raised, which is an amazing effort, and a lovely Christmas atmosphere was experienced by all those who took part.



of what can be achieved through teamwork, determination, and a shared commitment to success. Here's to more achievements in 2025.

School	P8	Banding
Ringwood	0.35	Above Average
Burgate	0.17	Average
Priestlands	-0.01	Average
Arnewood	-0.84	Well Below Average
Hounslow	-0.22	Below Average
Noadswood	-0.34	Below Average
Testwood	-1.01	Well Below Average
Applemore College	-0.74	Well Below Average
New Forest Academy	-0.51	Well Below Average

## Tier 2 Vocabulary - What is it?

Has your child told you about the new Tier 2 words they're learning in tutor time?

In the tutor literacy slots each week, tutors are teaching Tier 2 vocabulary to students (years 7-9 on Tuesday and years 10-12 on Wednesdays). Over the year students will learn ten words. Have a look on the next page to see which ones you use.

### What are Tier 2 words?

Vocabulary can be categorised into Tiers. Tier 3 relates to subject specific words and Tier 1 to everyday basic words. Tier 2 are academic words that can help unlock greater potential for learning as they improve academic language that will help students to be more effective in exams and further study.

### How many Tier 2 words are there?

There are 570 in total! We have carefully selected the words based on feedback from subject leaders as to which could be the most helpful to students. Some of the words may seem obvious and straightforward and students may think they know them already but when it comes to defining and using them, this is a lot harder than we may think. Have a go at this yourself to see what it's like.

### Why are we doing this?

At Ringwood School, we believe reading is key to academic success. Research shows it enhances cognitive development and boosts performance across all subjects.

To promote literacy, we've introduced MCVIPRS, a strategy that focuses on seven essential reading skills. Your child will apply these skills across all subjects to improve their comprehension and engagement with texts.

## How You Can Support Your Child's Reading at Home

You can help by encouraging these three strategies:

R - Retrieval: Ask questions that require using words from the text to answer.

S - Summarise: Have them summarise what they've read in two sentences.

V - Vocabulary: Help them look up unfamiliar words.

We appreciate the support you provide in promoting Literacy for life-long learning.

Thank you for your support. Mrs Wornell

### MCVIPRS Reading Comprehension Skills

**M**AKE LINKS  
Connecting ideas together

**C**LARIFY  
Questioning to check for understanding

**V**OCABULARY  
Understanding the meaning of words and how they are used.

**I**NFER  
Looking for information that is not obvious.

**P**REDICT  
Telling or showing what you think will happen.

**R**ETRIEVAL  
Taking information directly out of a text.

**S**UMMARISE  
Recapping the main points from what you have read



# Curriculum Roundup



# Tier 2 Words



## TIER 2 WORDS

integrity

The quality of being **honest** and having **strong moral beliefs**; consistently doing the **right thing** (even when no one is watching).



concept

A concept is an **idea, thought** or a **general understanding** of something. An abstract thing (something you cannot hold in your hand).



prejudice

An **unfair and judgmental opinion** or feeling towards individuals or **specific groups** of people (especially when formed without enough knowledge and understanding).



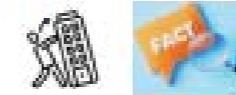
to advocate

To **publicly recommend** or support



to establish

To **set something up**, or **create something**; to **find out** something, or show something is **true**.



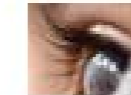
to differentiate

To recognise or point out **the differences** between things or people



to perceive

To **think** of something in a **particular way** and to **come to an understanding** about it; to **notice** or **see** something.



to retrieve

Retrieve means to **get** something **back**, especially from where it was stored or kept. (When reading we often ask you to retrieve information from a text to help you understand it).



evident

**Easily seen** or understood; **clear**



relevant

**Closely connected** to what is happening or being discussed



## 80th Anniversary year of D-Day

*"But when you're gone,  
who remembers your  
name? Who keeps your  
flame? Who tells your  
story?"*

### - Hamilton the Musical

On Monday 11 November 2024, on the 80th Anniversary year of D-Day, 1502 students, 147 staff, 4 visitors and 3 contractors reflected on those who have fallen. We will remember them.



### Year 9 Battlefields Trip

Earlier this half term, 52 Year 9 students took part in the Battlefields History trip to France and Belgium. On the trip, the students spent time visiting memorial sites around Ypres and the Somme, as well as having the chance to attend the last post ceremony under the Menin Gate (amongst many other things). It was great to see the students really engage with the History and apply what they had learnt in class towards the end of Year 8. The school got great feedback from those at the memorial sites but

also the staff at the chateau they were staying at and represented the school excellently.

If you are a parent of a Year 8 student and you think they would be interested on going on the trip next year, applications will be available later this academic year.

**Best wishes to all involved - Mr Nicholson**



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## Year 12 Oxford University Open Day

Year 12 students got to visit Oxford University Open day in September. After an evening tour of the city, we got to stay at our link college St Hilda's, with students trying out the students' rooms for the night. After breakfast in the college refractory, students went to visit different departments and colleges, talk to current students, and watch demonstration admissions interviews.

**Best wishes to all involved - Miss Belben**



## Beyond the Curriculum

Congratulations to Nathan Joyce in Year 9 who recently became the 2024 Junior Banger World Champion. Now 13, Nathan has been banger racing since he was 10 years old and beat 34 other drivers, aged 12 to 16, to take the title at Ringwood Raceway. Well done



Nathan, what a fantastic achievement!

## Year 12 Art Enrichment group

This term the Y12 Art Enrichment group were involved in an arts project sponsored by Culture on Common in collaboration with Heidi Steller, an artist from CODA music and arts trust, to design, create and decorate two life sized Christmas tree lanterns for the Ringwood Santa parade and Christmas light switch on. Heidi showed the students how to create the sculptures from willow, how to cover them with

paper, and to decorate them with tissue paper and inks. The sculptures were then lit from inside and carried by a group of Year 10 students in the parade on Sunday 1st December, and will be on display in the Gateway centre and a local show window until Christmas.



## Chris Lubbe Shares His Story of Courage and Respect with Ringwood School Students

Ringwood School had the pleasure of welcoming Chris Lubbe, a former anti-apartheid activist, for a powerful and moving presentation delivered to all year groups. With a career rooted in courage, respect, and integrity, Mr. Lubbe shared his personal journey and reflections on his experiences working closely with Nelson Mandela and other pivotal figures in the South African liberation movement. Speaking to students of all ages, Mr. Lubbe recounted his remarkable life story—from his childhood experiences in apartheid-era South Africa to his eventual role as Mandela's bodyguard and confidant. His visit was a unique opportunity for students to learn about the power of empathy, perseverance, and the importance of standing up for what is right. We aim to continue fostering an inclusive and respectful environment for students by bringing in speakers who reflect the values of courage and integrity.



## Photography Competition

Ringwood Art Department are delighted to announce "LAYERS" as the theme for the 13th edition of our annual interschool photographic competition; supported by the Rotary Club of Ringwood. We are very excited about receiving entries from over 30 partner schools before the deadline of January 31st 2025 and are always overwhelmed by the creativity demonstrated by the young people in our region. Happy snapping!



## We've got you covered!

Every day our team of cover supervisors keep the wheels of the school turning by covering lessons for school trips and absent staff. Our job is to ensure continuity of learning for students by managing behaviour in the classroom and delivering the work set by either the class teacher or the Head of Department.

It is crucial that students sit in their correct seats for the lesson, as indicated in the seating plan set by the teacher and apply themselves to their learning as they would for their teacher; it's always very much appreciated when students make the most of a cover lesson!

The team are not on 'supply'; we work solely at Ringwood, so we know the students...and they know us! We work closely with teaching staff and can follow up on any issues from the lesson; we also love awarding House Points! We have the unique privilege of seeing students working across the school, from Art to Science, from History to Music, so we get to see students at their best in their favourite subjects and to encourage them where they struggle in others. Over the years the role has been a springboard for graduates hoping to go into teaching as it's a great way of learning how to manage



a classroom; Ringwood School continues to support many cover supervisors in this way.

We are a team of 8, full and part time, and some of us have additional responsibilities:

- Mrs Hoff (KS3 English teacher)
- Mrs Dresser (Geography and English teacher and LAC lead)
- Mrs Jagger
- Mrs Davis
- Miss D'Cruze
- Mr Matias (P.E specialist)
- Miss Vaughton-Westerhoff
- Mr McCarthy (P.E specialist)



# Curriculum Roundup

## MFL Department Autumn Review

### European Languages Day

Way back in September, we celebrated the European Languages Day and it was great to explore with students the reasons why we study French and Spanish at Ringwood School and Mrs Stevens kickstarted the French and Spanish Duolingo competitions with just under 100 students. If anyone still would like to join, let Mrs Stevens know.

### Year 9 Languages

We had a very exciting visit from Steve at Mingalaba who shared how his past language learning journey helped in his career within the football industry. We found out that just having learnt a language at school pushed him into a category of people who were selected to work abroad even when the languages studied at school were not spoken in the country he was sent to, because of the communication and language skills that we gain as language learners. He then came back to the UK and worked for Arsenal football club getting the opportunity to interview international footballers in their language. I hope it gave the Year 9 students food for thought for their futures with languages. Where will languages take you Year 9?

### Yr 11 French and Spanish

We would like to say a massive well done to our students for their mocks and, in particular, their oral mocks. We are so proud of you! Keep it up!



## Inktober

The Art Department led again with Inktober during October, providing each Tutor Group with an art book and 31 different words to draw, one per day. As usual, it is great to see students who don't think they can draw giving it a go. Those who can draw always excel and surpassed the Heads of Houses' expectations again (the Art Department know what can be done so have very high expectations!). What was also lovely was seeing student and staff pictures mixed together in the books.

A very 'well done' to all who drew and particularly to the Year Group winners who were 7N, 8L, 9L, 10S and 11I. Pictures from each book, coloured according to their House colour, are now displayed in the House Notice boards in the Maths corridor.



## PE Department Autumn Term

**Year 9 Netball Legends!** Our Year 9 Netball team dominated the NFSSP Netball Tournament, convincingly beating every team they faced. Their skill and teamwork were truly inspiring!

They were very convincing victories over local rivals Burgate for the year 7 & 8 Netball teams. Dominating possession + sharp shooting allowed both teams to achieve double figures.

### Cross Country Triumph

Our runners shone brightly at the New Forest Cross Country Championships, claiming three team golds in Yr7 Boys, Yr7 Girls, and Yr10/11 Girls categories, along with three silvers in Year 8 & 9 Boys, Year 8 & 9 Girls, and Year 10 & 11 Boys divisions.

Top individual performances:

Clodagh - A stunning first-place finish

Albha, Tom, and Jack - Securing silver in their respective races.

A remarkable 27 students have earned spots to represent the New Forest at the Hampshire Championships. Best of luck to them!

### Rugby Magic

The Under 15 Boys Rugby team delivered an outstanding performance in the National Vase, defeating Purbeck School with an impressive 38-14 victory.

Players of the Match highlights:

Joel: 2 tries; Harry: 1 try; Solly: 1 try; Billy: 1 try + 5 conversions (PoM); Charlie: 1 penalty.

The Green Army marches into Round 4!

### Football Fever!

16 Girls kicked off their football season with a fantastic 4-1 win over BSG in the Dorset Cup. A superb team effort with Louisa earning Player of the Match.

6th Form Boys battled Barton Peveril Sport in Round 2 of the Steve Perkins Cup. The match ended in a nail-biting 2-2 draw, leading to penalties where GK Sam made two crucial saves and Captain Oli sealed the victory with his cool penalty. The team advances to the quarter-finals!

### Hockey Highlights



The U14 Girls Hockey team showed great resilience against Burgate School. Despite half the team playing on a full-size pitch for the first time, they came back from 1-0 down to secure a 1-1 draw.

The U14 Boys Hockey team displayed total dominance in their triangular matches against Ballard and Priestlands, scoring 11 goals across two matches while keeping clean sheets. A fantastic team performance showcasing exceptional TREDs. (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline & Sportsmanship)

### What a term!

Congratulations to all our athletes for their dedication, skill, and sportsmanship. Keep up the incredible work—next term awaits with even more opportunities to shine!



# Curriculum Roundup

## Performances

Both the GCSE and A level Drama classes have created impactful devised pieces this term, covering a range of topics, including the right to vote, fast fashion, self-image and the meaning of love in 2024.

The students created some outstanding work; the Drama department are very proud of the



commitment and resilience demonstrated by our students during these projects- its not easy to create and perform an original piece of drama and they all did a great job.

Next term brings their scripted exam pieces which we look forward to seeing.

The fabulous local theatre company 'Forest Forge' have been running their 'Advanced Drama Skills' project this term, and 45 students from Years 8-10 have been exploring a range of performance and technical techniques for creating theatre on Mondays from 3-4.30pm. We invited parents into school to see the progress they had made at the beginning of December, and we got lots of positive feedback on their performances, which were lit beautifully by our Year 8 tech team.

Forest Forge will return in January to run more sessions, and we have a few spaces if any more students are interested in creating their own work about issues that matter to them.

Email [rlawton-read@ringwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:rlawton-read@ringwood.hants.sch.uk) for more information.

War Horse and Elf at the Mayflower Theatre

We are so lucky to have the Mayflower Theatre within easy reach, and this term we have run 2 sold out trips to see productions that have wowed our students.

In October, 150 Drama students went to see the incredible 'War Horse', a production that allowed us to make cross-curricular links with History

and Art. Year 9 and 10 students researched the lives of real WW1 soldiers to inspire their own work based on this time, and analysed how the sketches used in the play helped create a sense of time and place. Both GCSE and A level drama students evaluated the impressive impact of the production and will use this work in their final exams.

Our Year 8-10 trip to see 'Elf' was a special one, as 70 students



had the opportunity to cheer on Indy A in his role as Michael. It was such a fun night out and his performance was a real inspiration to his peers. Well done Indy! The students enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit, but also had the opportunity to see how their current unit on Commedia Dell'Arte, a 17th century form of comedy, still influences theatre today.

### Year 10/12 London Theatre Day

Year 10 and Year 12 Drama students had the amazing opportunity to spend the day in London at the end of November. They experienced a behind the scenes tour at the National Theatre where they had the chance to see the set, costumes and props being created for upcoming productions, as well as a sneak peek into the technical rehearsal for their current show 'Ballet Shoes'. We then went onto the London Dungeons to enjoy being scared, while also learning about the amazing ways that technical theatre can create an experience.

We ended the day with a visit to the theatre to see 'Stranger Things: The First Shadow' at the Phoenix Theatre, a prequel to the TV series. The production was really ground-breaking with their technical effects, and we were completely astounded by the apparent magic happening before us. The group agreed that this is a 'must-see' especially if you love the Netflix show.

We had a brilliant day out and the students were fantastic- a huge credit to Ringwood School. One parent commented: "Thanks so much for the amazing day out- my daughter said it was the best school trip she's done."

We're so glad you enjoyed it!

# Help



# Here

## STARF is Making a Difference in Ringwood and Fordingbridge

Stronger Together Across Ringwood & Fordingbridge is a local charity dedicated to supporting families in crisis through our local schools. Our mission extends beyond immediate financial aid—providing expert financial guidance, counselling for children and young people, and essential support for vulnerable families. We collaborate closely with the 8 local state schools in Ringwood and Fordingbridge to identify those in need.

### How we are helping in December 2024

- Counselling Services: mental health support for children and young people by qualified professionals.
- Financial Advice: through a joint project with Ringwood Foodbank, we provide a Citizens Advice Worker in all our schools to help with financial and practical support.
- Festive Joy: in conjunction with Churches Together and Ringwood Foodbank we are providing 160 Christmas Hampers and a special party for 47 local vulnerable children.

### Community Partnerships

We are blessed to have many community partnerships across local businesses and individuals. Our website <https://starf.uk/our-story/> shows some of the local businesses who support our cause.



## Your Support Matters

STARF is run entirely by volunteers, with 100% of funds raised directed to those who need help. Your donations are vital to sustain our impact.

To contribute or learn more, contact us at: [help@starf.uk](mailto:help@starf.uk)

<https://starf.uk/get-involved/>



## The Ringwood School PTA

The PTA have been busy supporting Open Evenings throughout the Autumn Term and are helping to run the Year 7 Christmas Disco and the Year 8 Disco in April 2025. We look forward to welcoming you to the Famous PTA Quiz will take place in The Stables from 7pm on Friday 24th January 2025. The PTA have used the funds raised by the Quiz and our 50/50 Club to buy the students some new school benches for them to enjoy at break and lunchtime. If you feel able to give any time to support the school please do email [pta@ringwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:pta@ringwood.hants.sch.uk)



Ringwood School PTA  
supporting our children



# Here to Help @ Ringwood School



Did you know you can access free learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children and make sure they thrive?

Here's a link to a quick round up of what we think is great on "[Inourplace](https://www.inourplace.co.uk)" this month.

## Family Support

We are working collaboratively with our feeder schools, the Foodbank and Churches Together to provide support and signposting to services to help families in this difficult financial time.

We know the cost of living crisis is having an impact on us all, and hardship can affect anyone at any time.

If you would benefit from some support, be it food, energy or other day to day living costs, please take a moment to complete our survey here: <https://forms.office.com/e/me5Ee90Dxg>

The school have access to various support agencies including financial, food and utility support and want to help you. All responses to this survey will be treated confidentially.

## Safeguarding over the Festive Period

If you, your child or someone else's child needs any support over the festive period then please do have a look on our website for contact details. <https://www.ringwood.hants.sch.uk/safeguarding>

Although our safeguarding inbox ([safeguarding@ringwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ringwood.hants.sch.uk)) won't be checked on a daily basis we will still be picking up any correspondence through that route.

Alternatively, you can contact any of the following services: Hampshire Children's Services Out of Hours: 0300 555 1373 or 101

Or if you feel it is less urgent please could you call your concerns into this number:

Hampshire Children's Services: 0300 555 1384



## We're still here

Supporting you over the festive period

Kooth's live chat hours over the holiday period

28th December	(Christmas Eve)	12pm - 8pm
29th December	(Christmas Day)	4pm - 8pm
30th December	(Boxing Day)	12pm - 8pm
31st December	(New Years Eve)	12pm - 8pm
1st January	(New Years Day)	4pm - 8pm

Other days over the holiday period will follow our usual live chat hours of 12pm - 10pm on weekdays, and 6pm - 10pm on weekends.

[kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)







December 2024  
**ENDPAPERS**



**GENREIFICATION IN THE FICTION SECTION**

There have been a few changes in the library since the summer. The biggest change being the way the fiction section is now organised.

Genreification, the process of organizing books by genre has several benefits to school libraries. It makes the library more user-friendly for students, providing them with a starting point if they are unsure of where to start, or feel overwhelmed by shelves and shelves of books.

By grouping books by themes such as fantasy, mystery, or science fiction, genreification helps students easily locate books they are excited about, fostering a love of reading. It also promotes independence in young readers, encouraging them to explore different genres,

develop personal reading tastes, and gain confidence in choosing books.

Reluctant readers will also benefit from this as it narrows down their search and simplifies the process.

Ultimately, genreification enhances the library experience, making it more engaging and supportive of students' learning and enjoyment of reading for pleasure.

The genre sections we now have in the library are Science Fiction / Fantasy/Dystopia, Mystery / Crime / Thriller, Historical Fiction, Manga, Humour, Romance and Graphic Novels. We also have an A-Z fiction for those titles that don't naturally sit within those genres. The genre sections are still arranged A-Z by author surname making the books really easy to find.



# TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

## Library competition

Staff and students have been taking part in the 12 Days of Christmas library competition this festive season.

Participants were to come to the library each day to identify a quote from a famous novel for each of the 12 days. Some quotes were more famous than others, some were from books the students have recently been studying and others required a little more digging around on the internet to identify. For each participating year group, there was a £10 Amazon voucher and a Christmas selection box to be won.

Here are the quotes. Answers are on the last page.

<p><b>DAY ONE</b></p> <p>"It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends."</p>	<p><b>DAY SEVEN</b></p> <p>"I have hated words and I have loved them, and I hope I have made them right."</p>
<p><b>DAY TWO</b></p> <p>"The world is crazy. We're all crazy. But we can't stop being ourselves."</p>	<p><b>DAY EIGHT</b></p> <p>"I can't go back to yesterday because I was a different person then."</p>
<p><b>DAY THREE</b></p> <p>"You have been my friend. That in itself is a tremendous thing."</p>	<p><b>DAY NINE</b></p> <p>"You cannot change what you are, only what you do."</p>
<p><b>DAY FOUR</b></p> <p>"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind."</p>	<p><b>DAY TEN</b></p> <p>"If we wait until we're ready, we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives."</p>
<p><b>DAY FIVE</b></p> <p>"There is more in you of good than you know, child of the kindly West."</p>	<p><b>DAY ELEVEN</b></p> <p>"Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."</p>
<p><b>DAY SIX</b></p> <p>"Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world."</p>	<p><b>DAY TWELVE</b></p> <p>"The world is full of ghosts. Ghosts of people who used to be. Ghosts of people who were once loved. And I'm one of them now."</p>

**ACCESSIT - A NEW WAY TO SEARCH FOR BOOKS**

**SEARCH OUR LIBRARY WITH THE ACCESSIT LIBRARY WEB APP**

**What is Accessit?**

Accessit is our new library management system.

Accessit allows students to search, borrow, review and renew books that are available in our library.

Accessit also links straight to our online platform, Sora. Choose from thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and graphic novels.

**How do I log on to Accessit?**

The link to Accessit is found on the Ringwood School Sharepoint.



Click on the menu next to the logo and select Library. Accessit is the first quick link.

**Quick Links**



You will be taken to the Library homepage. At the top right of the screen it will say Guest. Click here, then on the box that says login with school details.



If logging in at home, you will need to enter your school username and password. If you are in school, no details are required.



Alongside the switch to genres, the library also switched Library Management Systems this September.

We are now using Accessit which has made our catalogue a lot more accessible for our staff and students.

Students can log on both in School and from home and can leave reviews, reserve and renew books that they have on loan already.

Accessit has been incredibly popular with our students already as previously they were only able to search online for our Sora resources.

Students have been earning little rewards for leaving reviews and giving books a star rating. We have now banked over 600 reviews on the system so that students can see what has been popular with their peers.





### SECRET BOOK SANTA RETURNS



Secret Book Santa has visited once again this year. Students have been enjoying selecting a book based on nothing but a few keywords then unwrapping it to see what they have picked.

### DISPLAYS IN THE LIBRARY

We now have some rather large display boards in the library. One genre gets a month to be celebrated, alongside highlighting events from the CCR calendar (Cultural awareness, Celebration and Reflection)



### 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS ANSWERS

#### DAY ONE

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" by J.K. Rowling  
"It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends."  
Albus Dumbledore

#### DAY TWO

Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan  
"The world is crazy. We're all crazy. But we can't stop being ourselves."  
Percy Jackson

#### DAY THREE

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White  
"You have been my friend. That in itself is a tremendous thing."  
Charlotte

#### DAY FOUR

Wonder by R.J. Palacio  
"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind."  
Dr. Wayne

#### DAY FIVE

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien  
"There is more in you of good than you know, child of the kindly West."  
Gandalf

#### DAY SIX

Matilda by Roald Dahl  
"Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world."  
Miss Honey

#### DAY SEVEN

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak  
"I have hated words and I have loved them, and I hope I have made them right."  
Liesel Meminger

#### DAY EIGHT

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll  
"I can't go back to yesterday because I was a different person then."  
Alice

#### DAY NINE

The Northern Lights by Philip Pullman (Also known as The Golden Compass)  
"You cannot change what you are, only what you do."  
Lyra Belacqua

#### DAY TEN

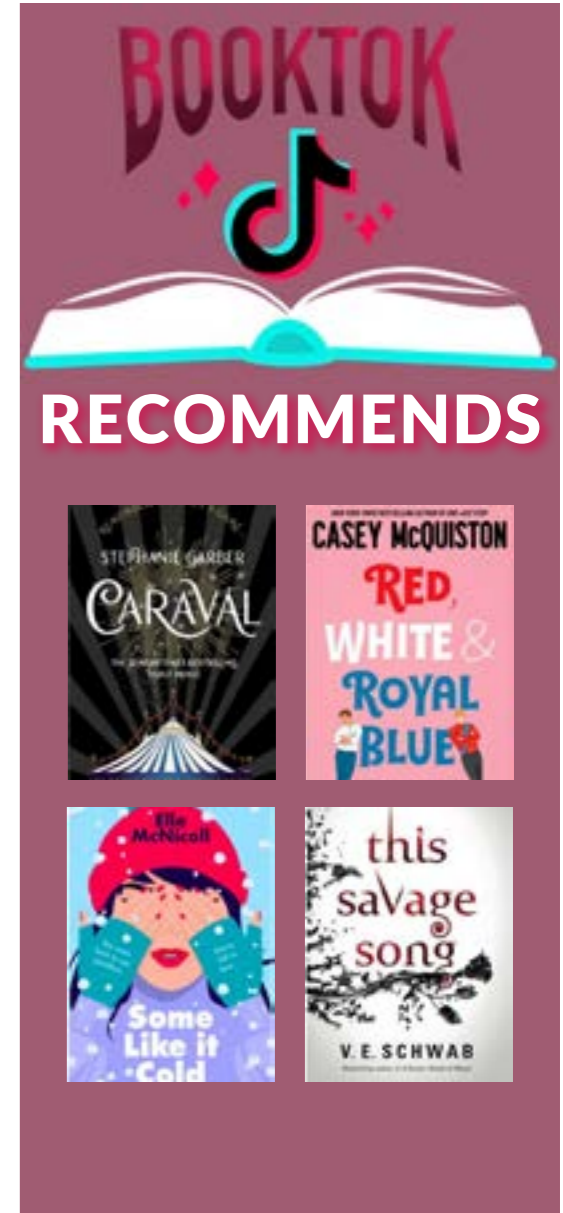
A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket (Daniel Handler)  
"If we wait until we're ready, we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives."  
Lemony Snicket

#### DAY ELEVEN

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban  
"Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light"  
Albus Dumbledore

#### DAY TWELVE

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
"The world is full of ghosts. Ghosts of people who used to be. Ghosts of people who were once loved. And I'm one of them now."  
Jerome



### GET CAUGHT READING THIS CHRISTMAS!

What is the strangest, most extreme or bizarre place you can find to read during the Christmas holidays?

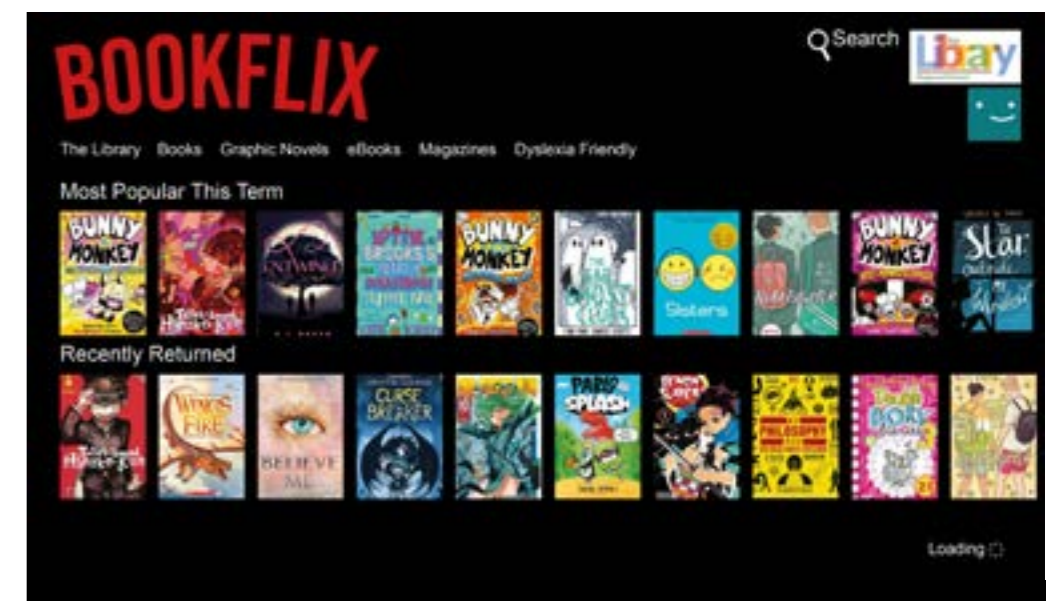
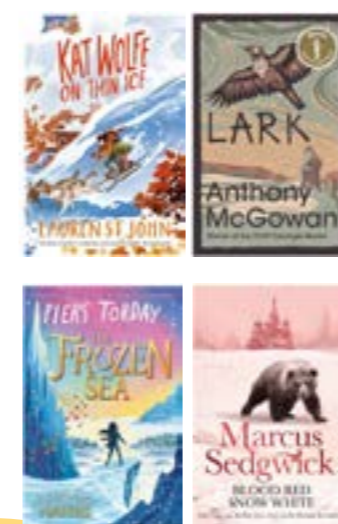
It could be out in the big wide open, in the sea for that bracing Boxing Day swim or under the kitchen table with a bowl of leftover roast potatoes.

Take a photo and email it to librarians@ringwood.hants.sch.uk

There will be prizes for the most creative entries. This is of course open to staff as well.



### WINTER READS





## GET INTO TEACHING

### Open Events for Teacher Training Candidates

We are pleased to confirm that we will be hosting a series of open events for potential teacher training candidates to find out more about the Bournemouth Bay Teacher Training Partnership. Events at The Grange School include a presentation of the teacher training programme and an opportunity to ask questions and meet staff. The events at Poole High School are drop in events with an opportunity to ask questions. They will take place on the following dates: -

- 21st January 2025 @ 16:30-18:00 @Poole High School
- 28th January 2025 @ 10:00-12:00 @The Grange School
- 6th February 2025 @ 13:00-15:00 @The Grange School
- 24th February 2025 @ 13:00-15:00 @The Grange School
- 12th March 2025 @ 10:00-12:00 @The Grange School
- 25th March 2025 @ 16:30-18:00 @Poole High School
- 2nd April 2025 @ 10:00-12:00 @The Grange School



To register your place on one of the above dates, please use the QR code to register. Alternatively email: [enquiries@bournemouthbay-partnership.com](mailto:enquiries@bournemouthbay-partnership.com)



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- 15 FEB** **I LOVE THE 80s**  
THE ULTIMATE CONCERT EXPERIENCE  
£22.50
- 21 FEB** **THE LITTLE MIX SHOW**  
HIGH ENERGY POP CONCERT FOR ALL AGES!  
£16
- 27 FEB** **A KNOCKOUT EVENING WITH RICKY HATTON**  
MEET AND GREET TICKETS AVAILABLE!  
FROM £40
- 28 FEB** **JETHRO - 'WHAT HAPPENED WAS...'**  
THE NO1 UK TRIBUTE STARRING MIKE OSMAN  
£23
- 1 MAR** **THE DOLLY SHOW**  
VOTED THE UK'S BEST DOLLY PARTON IMPERSONATOR  
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- 7 MAR** **THE BOWIE EXPERIENCE**  
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£22.50
- 14 MAR** **AN EVENING WITH HARRY REDKNAPP**  
MEET AND GREET TICKETS AVAILABLE!  
FROM £45
- 15 MAR** **HOMETOWN GLORY CANDLELIT CONCERT**  
A TRIBUTE TO ADELE  
£26
- 22 MAR** **VOCALIZE LIVE!**  
A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS  
£15
- 29 MAR** **THE ILLEGAL EAGLES**  
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!  
£36.50
- 25 APR** **THE COASTAL COMEDY SHOW**  
WITH GARY DELANEY!  
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