



World Book Day 2019

Tormead Library Half-term News – April 2019



To celebrate the joy of reading, we enjoyed a creative book character parade from our 6th form, heard the results of the 'short and tweet' competition, listened to stories in House meetings, and launched the House Library challenge, to accumulate points for our houses by reading quietly in the library for 15 minutes at a time.



[Click here](#) for more pictures from World Book Day at Tormead.



The House Library Trophy

World Book Day – Short and Tweet



The theme of this year's World Book Day was 'Share a Story', so we asked staff and pupils to submit a twitter-length story in our Short-and-Tweet competition. The best results were read out in our World Book Day assembly and released on our Twitter feed. Here is a selection of the winning entries.



One day Billy the Turtle was swimming through the vast ocean with his group of turtles. He found a piece of orange seaweed. He shared it with his friends and they enjoyed it. It wasn't seaweed in the end and was actually a piece of plastic. Billy survived but his friends didn't.

She raced down the corridor. Her heart pounded in her chest, her breathing shallowed. She stopped in front of the last door. Slowly she closed her eyes and took a deep breath. Then she twisted the doorknob, hands shaking. There it sat, that darn furby.

Ella rose from under the remainders of her supposedly bomb-proof desk. Everything in her office was destroyed. Apart from a photo of her family from her childhood. Love is truly the strongest force in the world.



World Book Day – Short and Tweet



Frost covered trees surrounded me,
as I saw the morning sun peeking
through the trees. Fresh, white
snow crunched under my bare feet.
You may wonder what a young girl
like me, was doing wandering round
in the woods, but then again that's
what ghost girls do.

My story contains not a lot,
though there are 280 characters in the
plot.

There isn't time to meet them all,
which rather goes against protocol.
Checking grammar and plot devices
would not improve things, my advice is.
But dear reader in a jiff,
I'll have you hanging on a

My mind was empty. How was I
supposed to write a story in only
280 characters? It seemed
impossible. Suddenly, a
spectacularly brilliant idea sprang to
mind - anyone who heard it was
sure to be gripped from the first
word. And where is it? Well, right in
front of you of course.

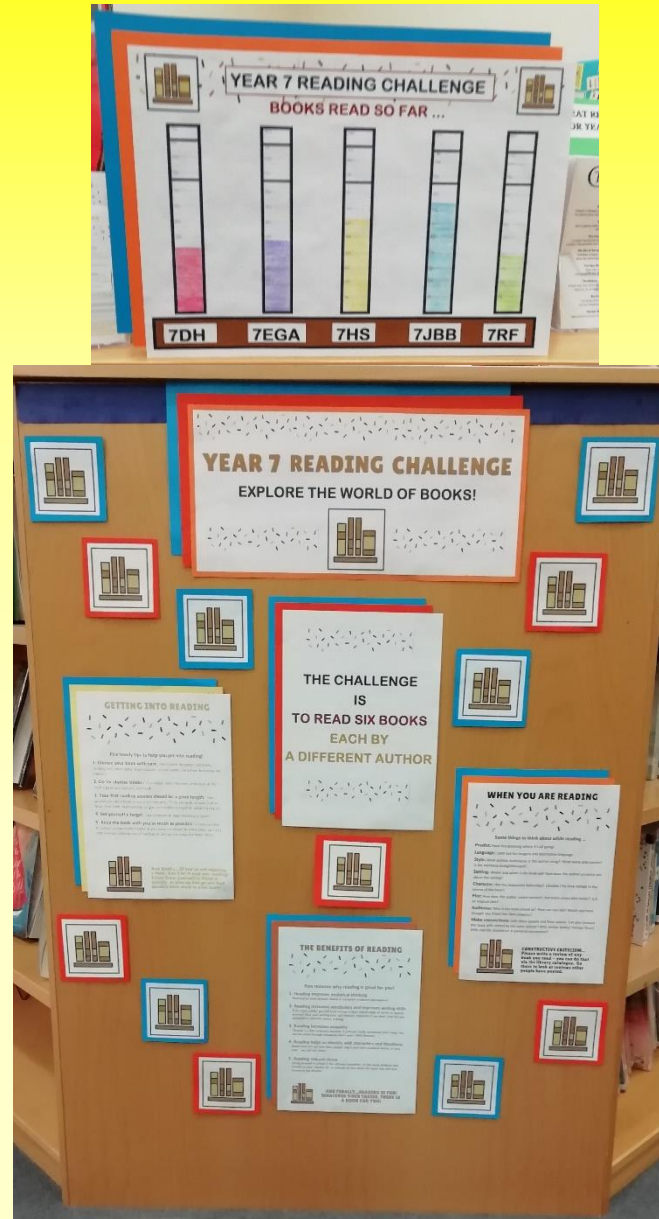
I marvel at the world below from a great height.
People are laughing and playing. A dog barks and
chases its ball across this green and pleasant land.
However, the fun cannot last. It is April in England,
after all, and so I decide to rain on their parade.

Use your words wisely" said the old man. Only a few words
left to speak.
HmmMaybeIShouldntUseAnySpaces.YeahThatIsAGoodIdea.I
NeedToStopWastingMyWordsINeedToSaySomethingInforma
tive.SomethingThatCanHelpTheWorldInAllAspects.TheMainP
roblemIsWarAndConflict.
EveryoneJustNeedsToBeKind.

Year 7 Reading Challenge

Many girls have finished this term's challenge (to read six books, each by a different author). The challenge is open until the first week of next term, to give students a chance to do lots of reading over the holidays. This year, they have been observing different techniques used by writers to engage the reader. Some have filled in their passport pages with some very insightful comments about the way the book was written:

It was a fantasy, yet it was written in a scientific way which made it seem believable.



The beginning started with lots of questions, making you want to read more because you want to know what the answers are.

It was written from two different perspectives. The way the characters talked to each other was interesting - it felt like two different authors.



Carnegie Medal Shortlist

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The shortlisted titles for this prestigious prize were announced in March.



Our Parents' Book Group will be reading them all and voting for our favourite at our next meeting on June 11th.




The winner will be announced on
18th June.



TORMEAD PARENTS' BOOK GROUP

Next meeting:
Tuesday 11th June 2019
Senior School Library 7.30-9 pm

We will be discussing:



The shortlisted titles for the
Carnegie Medal 2019



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Book Club

continues to meet on
Thursday lunchtimes



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In the Library
Years 7,8,9



**This week:
Book Chat**



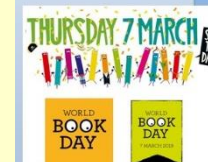
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**This week:
Picture Books Forever**

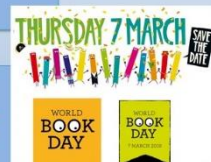


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This week:

World Book Day Preparation





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Creative writing

Budding writers out there - Why not take some time out from your reading over the Easter holidays to enter these competitions?

Poetry
Prose
Toubkin Cup
Writing Competition
Drama
Non-Fiction
Theme:
Writing Inspired by Images
Submit your writing along with the image that inspired you
Deadline:
Friday 10th May
Email entries:
JParsons@tormeadschool.org.uk



To enter the competition please visit foleyoungpoets.org or send your poem/s clearly marked with your name and entry form or class entry form if you are a school or youth group in the post to the following address: FYP2019, The Poetry Society 22 Betterton Street, London WC2H 9BX.

To help get inspired read our top 100 winning poems from the 2018 competition.