

Library News

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Author Visit: Michelle Harrison

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we were pleased to welcome Michelle Harrison to the John Moore Library, where she delivered interesting and inspiring talks to Year 7 about her journey to becoming an author, answered some very insightful questions, and even gave out prizes.



Michelle Harrison is the author of books for both children and adults, and talked in particular about her series 'Thirteen Treasures', 'A Pinch of Magic', and 'Twice Upon a Time'.



She shared her own ups and downs in finding an agent and publisher at the start of her career, the inspirations from her childhood that led her to become an author, and influences and research that help her to create her characters and stories.

She was kind enough to give her time during lunch as well to sign books, meet the students and pose for a lot of photographs!



We hope that her advice has inspired some of our own young writers to continue to follow their dreams!

'Her talk was very interesting and fun to listen to. I particularly liked hearing about what she read when she was a child because I also loved reading Enid Blyton. I also found it incredible that her book was rejected so many times! It gives hope to those people thinking about becoming an author, not to be disheartened because it only takes one publisher to say yes'

-Florence, 7S

'I feel so privileged to have had an author visit from Michelle! She told us all about how she writes her stories and was even kind enough to sign our books and take pictures with us!'

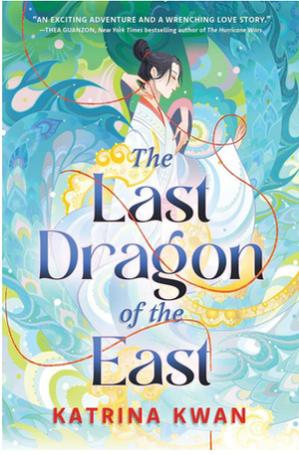
-Tamara, 7H

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BOOK OF THE TERM

The Last Dragon of the East by Katrina Kwan



At the spry young age of twenty-five, Sai has led a quiet life, keeping the family teahouse up and running—even if that means ignoring the past-due notices—and taking care of his ailing mother. But he has a not-so-secret gift that he's parlayed into a side career: he was born with the ability to see the red threads of fate between soulmates, which lends itself nicely to matchmaking. Sai has thus far been content not to follow his own thread, the only one he's ever seen that's gray and fraying.

But Sai's ordinary existence is about to be turned upside-down by a pair of shining dragon scales...

“From reading interviews with my favourite pop stars in magazines, to reciting lyrics on record sleeves, devouring comics and scaring myself silly with ghost stories, reading has been a constant joy in my life.” -

Nadia Shireen

Diamond badges

This term, the Library KS3 prize goes to a student who has their diamond badge for both Reading Rockstar and Punctuality Pro.

You can find your badges in your Oliver account.

Congratulations to the scavenger hunt winners from 7H, and to the winner of the 'One Wish' competition, Lily-Myra in 8F

Carnegie Award for Writing

Carnegie shadowing this year will focus on one of the shortlisted books: *Ghostlines* by Katya Balen. The shadowing group will be meeting once a week to try out the shadowing activities and discuss the book.

Other books from the shortlist are also available to borrow from the library.



National Year of Reading

2026 has been designated the National Year of Reading.

Our first activity has been Genre Bingo, which will run throughout the year – so it's not too late to join in!

Have a look at the library noticeboard to see Mrs Davis and Mrs Howell's progress.

Some students are completing a reading log for the whole of March, and we will be interested to see how our students' reading habits compare to statistics about the rest of the country. We will share our results next term!

There will be more activities next term, including a 'Nevermoor' challenge, so look out for news on that after the Easter break.

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“That’s the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet.” – Jhumpa Lahiri

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Spotlight on: International Women's Day

- *Girls Who Rocked the World* – Michelle Roehm McCann, Amelie Welden
- *A Good time to be a Girl: don't lean in, change the system* – Helena Morrissey
- *Rebel Girls: Their Fight for the Vote* – Jill Liddington
- *Science and Engineering: It's a women's world too!* – Anne Walton
- *Women in Science: 50 fearless pioneers who changed the world* – Rachel Ignatofsky
- *Women Warriors: an unexpected history* – Pamela D. Toler
- *Wonder women: 25 innovators, inventors, and trailblazers who changed history* – Sam Maggs, Sophia Foster-Dimino



COMPETITION

21st March is World Poetry Day! Can you match these poems to their authors?

Poem	Author
1. The Raven	a. Benjamin Zephaniah
2. Sonnet 18	b. Samuel Coleridge
3. I wandered lonely as a cloud	c. Rupert Brooke
4. The Rime of the Ancient Mariner	d. Edgar Allan Poe
5. Talking Turkeys	e. William Blake
6. If	f. Ocean Vuong
7. The Lady of Shalott	g. William Wordsworth
8. The Tyger	h. Rudyard Kipling
9. Aubade with Burning City	i. Alfred, Lord Tennyson
10. The Soldier	j. William Shakespeare

The first correct answer will win a prize!
Please email library@cchs.co.uk

National Pet Month

The graphic features a central trail of black paw prints leading from the bottom left towards the right. On the left, there is a fluffy brown guinea pig, a green chameleon, and a small hamster. In the center, there is a book cover for 'DOG' with the subtitle 'The best of the world's dogs, making the best of your dog, and more, with 1000 photos, recipes, and more!'. On the right, there is a book cover for 'CARE FOR YOUR PET: HAMSTERS AND GERBILS' featuring a hamster. Above the books, there are illustrations of a rabbit, a parrot, and a hamster. At the top left, there is a logo for 'CASA Care for your PET FOOD'.

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