



# CARRICK ACADEMY

## LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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### SCOTTISH BOOK TRUST – SILVER READING AWARD

Throughout this school session we have been working hard to secure a Silver Reading Award for Carrick Academy from the Scottish Book Trust. We have a Staff Leadership group as well as a very dedicated and impressive Pupil Leadership group who have been working tirelessly to promote the positive power of reading and instill a lasting reading culture right across our school community.

A whole variety of exciting activities and events have taken place as part of our reading journey. Here is a flavour of just *some* of the things we have taken part in to date:

- Book Week Scotland
- World Book Day
- Staff and Pupil Reading Surveys
- A trip to Prestwick Academy to meet the inspiring author, Manjeet Mann.
- Certificates for our Accelerated Reader Stars and Word Millionaires.
- Regular Pupil Leadership group visits to BGE library periods to recommend books; read short extracts; work with groups.
- Interdisciplinary Book Projects
- Paired Reading
- Reading Displays which are updated regularly
- A trip to the Schools' Day Boswell Book Festival at Dumfries House.
- Activities during Mental Health Week and LGBTQ+ month
- A range of different subject staff focusing on reading for pleasure as a starter activity within lessons.



Pupils at The Manjeet Mann  
author event

Arriving at Dumfries House in the sunshine



Pupils having fun at The Boswell Book Festival



## OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY UPDATE:

We have been very busy in the library this year with pupils reading Accelerated Reader books, passing quizzes and earning points for their individual Houses. We are also delighted to share the fantastic news that we now also have two Word Millionaires!

## Book Recommendations



Our Read Woke Challenge has been very successful with three pupils so far gaining a Black and White badge for reading and reviewing four Read Woke Books.

We introduced Reading Well for Teens – 30 brand new Self-Help books - focusing on Mental Health, Neurodiversity and LGBTQ+.

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed Book Week Scotland in November with S1 listening to stories of the Kelpies from our Pupil Leadership Group before drawing their own version of a mythical creature. S2 listened to a story about Sawney Bean before enjoying a video about our local cannibal! Staff and pupils gathered for a lunchtime 'Book n Blether' event in our Barista which went down a treat.

On World Book Day in March pupils got a chance to relax while listening to a range of staff talking about reading for pleasure, their favourite books from childhood as well as their teenage years and books they love now. The Pupil Leadership Group then ran a reading quiz which turned out to be all round magnificent fun for everyone!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

We are running a Scholastic Book Fair from 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

P7 Bump Up Visit: the Pupil Leadership Group will run a fun reading related activity for P7 pupils on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

BGE Prize Giving Evening 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023: our most dedicated reader of this year will receive an Accelerated Reader Award along with some book vouchers to spend.

Rewards Afternoon: there will be an end of term celebration for pupils who have engaged well throughout the year in the library.