



# the BookMark

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## Primary Library Newsletter

### Librarian's Message:

#### Welcome to the School Library!

I was thrilled to welcome all Primary classes for library orientation sessions and book check-outs over the past few weeks! Nestled in the oldest part of the school, our library is a special and comforting place that children truly cherish. As their librarian, I feel privileged to support their growth as readers and individuals through various literacy initiatives and a diverse collection of multicultural print and digital resources.

Exciting news: our library will undergo major renovations over the next two years, enhancing our space and offerings even further! We can't wait to share these improvements with you.

In the meantime, please continue reading for more information about some of our offerings.

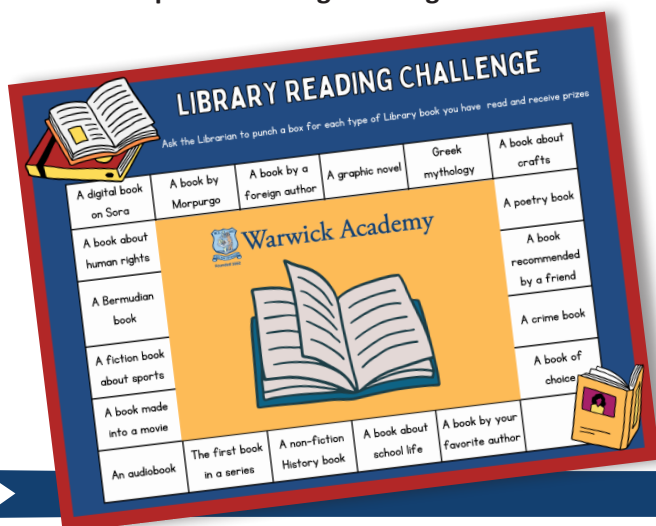
*Mrs. Wolffe*

### Back by Popular Demand

An Upper Primary library reading challenge, which was introduced last year to encourage students to venture outside their comfort zone and read a variety of genres, was a resounding success.

We are repeating the experience with new books to explore and exciting new prizes to win.

Please see punch Reading Challenge Card below:



### Borrowing rules

Each Primary class has a regularly planned weekly Library lesson during which students can borrow Library books or engage in Literacy activities.

- Lower Primary students can borrow one book for a period of one week.
- Upper Primary students can borrow two books for a period of two weeks.
- Fiction books are the only materials available for renewal.



- Fines and penalties: no fines are charged for overdue books; however, replacement fees are charged for lost or damaged books.

Although this challenge is optional, many students have already decided to participate. **Please be aware of the following rules pertaining to this scheme.**

- Taking care of one's card and remembering to bring it to the Library for each visit is part of the challenge. I will not replace any lost card.
- There is no time limit to complete the card. When completed, the student will receive a prize.
- Each box will be punched upon return of the qualifying book so that I can verify that the book was actually read.
- Picture books do not qualify for this challenge

# Just for Fun:

The bookworms amongst you will surely appreciate Grant Snider's humor in his recent publication "I will judge you by your bookshelf". Enjoy the following sample from his book:



## Spotlight on:

# STORIES ABOUT HALLOWEEN

For Kids  
Available on Sora



**New Books for the Halloween Season** available on **Sora**, our ebook platform. Access the web version of [SORA HERE](#) or download the app on your mobile. Your child's username is his/her student ID #, Find this information [here](#)

## Food for thought:

# Children's Wellbeing Through Reading

In the report "Reading for Mental Wellbeing: Children and Young People's Voices in 2023," the National Literacy Trust shares important insights from their recent survey about how reading affects the mental health of children and young people.

### Key Findings

- Relaxation and happiness:** about 59.4% of kids said that reading helps them relax, and nearly half (46.0%) feel happier when they read.
- Confidence and problem-solving:** around 29.8% of children mentioned that reading makes them feel more confident, while 27.3% find it helps them deal with problems.
- Positive reading spaces:** Many children described places like school and public libraries as "happy," "warm," and "peaceful," showing how these environments can support their mental wellbeing.

These findings emphasize the importance of creating supportive reading environments at home and in the community. Encouraging a love for reading can be a powerful way to help children feel happier and more resilient as they navigate life's challenges.

Source: "Reading for mental wellbeing: Children and young people's voices in 2023" National Literacy Trust

