

READING NEWSLETTER

By Mrs Fitzsimons

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Welcome to our first reading newsletter!

Every term I will bring you all of the latest reading news from Brinsworth Manor Infant School together with recommended reads and featured authors. I hope you enjoy reading the first newsletter with your child!

Q & A Session with Poet

Joshua Seigal!

Joshua is a professional poet, performer and educator who has performed in many schools, theatres, libraries and even on the BBC TV! He has just published a new poetry book 'Yapping Away'. This term I shared his poem 'Friends' with the Key Stage 1 team and some of the Year 2 children posed questions to find out more...



Q Emily: How many books have you read? If I add them all up, over the course of my life I have probably read about five hundred books. This might sound like a lot, but you have to remember that I am quite old. I am actually quite a slow reader, and when I was little I didn't like reading that much.

Q Ted: How tall are you? about the same height as a very, very big penguin. (five foot ten inches)

Q Eddie: Do your hands get sore when you're writing your poems? Sometimes it does, if I write very quickly! I like to type out my poems on a laptop, which makes my hand less sore. It also makes a fun click-clacking sound which annoys my family.

Q Bridie: Do you always write happy poems? No, sometimes my poems are sad. I have a poem about a dying dog, which sometimes makes people cry. I also have a poem about a very lonely monster called Ooshus Magooshus. The monster is very sad because people keep laughing at his name.

Q Emelia: Are you funny? Yes, very. I am hilarious.

Jonas: How many books have you written? Seven. And also the other one which we don't talk about, which lives in the basement.

Q Phoebe: where do you live? I live in a place called Finchley, in London. I'm not going to give you my address though, because I don't want you to come to my house and throw custard on me.

Q Rozan: How old are you? About the same age as a really, really, really old cat. (thirty six)

Q Heidi: How do you write poems? I use my imagination, my five senses, my emotions, my memories, and half an avocado.

Use this link to access Joshua Seigal's poems for free online...
<https://www.joshuaseigal.co.uk/my-poems>

This term's recommended read...

Following on from our Anti-bullying awareness week and Odd Socks day I would like to recommend the story 'We are all Wonders' by R.J. Palacio. Follow the link to listen to this short story— <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



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Everyone loves Zog!

The Key Stage 1 children have loved learning all about 'Zog and the Flying Doctors' throughout the Autumn term. The stories have been brought to life within classrooms through our immersive castle and hospital reading areas. Children have also loved using puppets to retell the stories in their class spot trays. Zog has even managed to visit the foundation stage children! Zog the dragon has been magically choosing his favourite books to put in his cave to share with the children in Spider and Ladybird class! The children love to see which book Zog has chosen and they read these aloud daily!

For anyone who would like to access some fun and free Zog activities... please visit the 'Forestry England' website where children can access a variety of Zog challenges and activities.

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/resource/zog-activity-sheets>



MRS MILLS

Most Improved Reader
Award

Winner: Levi Stevenson
-Knight

Last term each teacher selected one child from their class to receive the 'Most Improved Reader' Award. Each child received a medal and certificate in a classroom assembly.

Mrs Mills was an advocate for reading and always supported every child to achieve; she worked at our school for many years. We present this special award in her memory each year to remember her and to celebrate children's reading achievements!

We were totally blown away by the effort that each child had put into improving their reading and also the amazing stories they enjoyed reading.

The class winners were: Bella in Giraffes, Poppy in Zebras, Levi in Tigers, Sophie in Penguins, Jonas in Flamingos, Annabella in Bees, Freya in Caterpillars, Halima in Ladybirds and Harriet and Freya in FS1!

A huge well done to all of our winners!

The governors selected the overall winner, Levi, to receive our Mrs Mills 'Most Improved Reader' Award. He attended an outdoor award ceremony with his class teacher Mrs Flanagan. Mrs Tomlinson and Sid Stevenson, Mrs Mill's partner, presented Levi with a special award and shield.

Thanks for reading! Look out for more interviews, pupil voice and book recommendations in next term's newsletter!