

LRC

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO OUR WINTER NEWSLETTER!

Our Student Assistants have been working hard this week to make the library Christmas ready!

Lillie has completed her Christmas display as part of her Silver Award, and you can see photos on the back page of the newsletter. She's also written about shadowing the Yoto Carnegie Award (p.2)

Today
A READER,
tomorrow
a leader.
- Margaret Fuller

Halima and Aleena have written about taking part in the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize as judges (p3-4), and Bella has written about being a Student Leader (p5)

On pages 6-8 Clodagh has written about the critical thinking discussion some of our Year 8 and Year 10 students had on the challenging issue of the fate of Shamima Begum, and considers what should happen to the young woman in the future.

Sparkle

Lots of our Student Assistants have been putting the finishing touches to the work for their LRC Certificates, and we have some now working towards their Silver Level.

Year 7 students can apply for a job in the library after Christmas - just ask at the desk for an application form. You'll need a signature from home and your tutor, and NO negatives!

YOTO CARNEGIE BOOK AWARDS 2022



THE WINNER!

The winner of the Carnegie book awards was chosen by students across England. The results were also announced live on Thursday 17th March. The winning novel was "October October" written by Katya Balen.

Last year, there was a book awards known as "The Yoto Carnegie Awards". The books in participation were: October October, Guard your heart, When the sky falls, Everyone dies famous in a small town, The crossing, Tsunami girl, Cane warriors and Punching the Air.

OTHER AWARDS

Other awards were presented during the live announcement: such as ; Yoto Kate Greenway, Shadows choice and the Shadows choice kate greenway.

2022 YOTO CARNEGIE MEDAL



WINNER

THE ROYAL SOCIETY YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOOK PRIZE

SHORTLISTED BOOKS



I am
a book.
I am
a portal
to the
universe.



THE ROYAL SOCIETY YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOOK PRIZE

By Aleena & Halima

In 2021, six Year 7 students were judges for Beckfoot Oakbank in the Royal Society's Young people's Book Prize.

The Young People's Book Prize aims to promote young people's interest in and encourage them to read about science. It also supports the writing of really good and easy to read Science and Technology books for people under-14.

We read each of the six books which were nominated, along with four other students, and filled in a sheet for each one to give it a score and say what we thought of it.

At the end two books were tied for the top score, so we had a meeting to decide which one we would nominate as our winner. Although some of our judges fought hard for "I am a book..", we decided to choose "Under the stars" as our winner.

When we watched the award ceremony we were disappointed that our choice hadn't won, but we really enjoyed being part of the judging panel.

Six of this year's Year 7 students are the new judging panel for 2022 and we'll be interested to see what they choose as their winner and if it gets the prize in the end.

Being a Student Leader

By Bella

I think most people think that Student Leadership is for nerds, but it's where you can get your voice heard, and I'm sure if everyone realised that they would join as a Student Leader.

I've done all sorts of things as a Student Leader - I've taught a P.E. lesson to primary students, done baking and helped with Bake Sales. We've also run charity events like the Football Penalty Shoot out.

We've written to and visited the residents at Staveley Court, helped them fix their garden and watched a performance with them.

I'm really grateful for all the effort Ms Berry puts in to support the Student Leaders and to make the programme work - we wouldn't be able to do half the things we do without her.

I'd recommend being a Student Leader to anyone - it's well worth doing and also fun.



Considering Shamima Begum

By Clodagh

One of the things we look at as part of our Student Assistant work is critical thinking, not taking things we see on the news or online at face value and questioning what we're told. As part of that work some of Year 8 and Year 10 Student Library Assistants looked at the case of Shamima Begum.

Shamima Begum is a girl whose story has been in the news and has caused a lot of controversy. Shamima Begum is a young woman who at the age of 15 left the UK with two of her schoolfriends. They flew to Turkey after skipping school (which is where her parents thought she was) to join the terrorist organisation ISIS.

Each student was given an information pack that contained both sides of the argument, and received the same articles, they were told to look at this from a neutral viewpoint, consider the situation carefully and assess her choices and their impact. Begum had British Citizenship, but it has since been revoked by the British government who regard her as a traitor. The Government have said she can apply for citizenship of Bangladesh, where her mother comes from. Begum's lawyers have appealed against this which has led to a court case that has been well covered in the news. This is where some of the controversy comes in, many say that all her family lives in England and that it is cruel to isolate her because she made a mistake.

Considering Shamima Begum

By Clodagh

But did she make a mistake? On the other side of the argument people are saying that she knew exactly what she was doing when she left England, and that even though she was a minor at the time, she is still responsible for her own actions. However, when she left she was only a minor, so the people that helped her technically trafficked her and so it is not necessarily her fault. Begum is now in her 20's and no longer classed as a minor so her court case will have heavier consequences.

Shamima Begum was found in a refugee camp, this has led to the belief that she needs help and that we cannot abandon her in a time of need. However, others argue that Begum must take responsibility for what she has done, although she was not involved in terrorist attacks it is said she shows no regret for any deaths that were caused by these violent attacks.

We had a discussion panel comprising four Year 8 and three Year 10 students, which I chaired, to debate our opinions on these issues after reading all the information we had been given on both sides.

We set rules in advance to avoid anyone interrupting, or speaking over someone else.

During the discussion, the majority of the students felt that Shamima Begum should be allowed to return to England, but that she should face consequences and special “rules” should be set in place to ensure everyone's safety.

Considering Shamima Begum

By Clodagh

Some of the ideas presented were a period of house arrest, time in prison and others said she would be watched so intensely by the media that it would be difficult for her to have any privacy anyway.

Begum herself has mentioned that she is willing to go to prison for a while as she realises that her actions have had consequences which will have repercussions, but obviously there would need to be charges and a trial first. This made the gathered students believe she deserves to return here and prove she is a different person now.

A final issue that should be thought about is the fact that the education system clearly failed her, after all she and her school friends left together and did not see any problems with what they were doing. Although it is clear that most of the radicalisation happened at their homes, there should have been more education around the dangers of that, along with that fact that nobody noticed three young girls boarding a plane on their own, or questioned why they were going to Turkey.

Overall, the case is a very controversial one and will continue to be so, but the conclusion of our panel was that on the evidence we saw she should be given a second chance but with precautions taken.

Student Assistant Awards

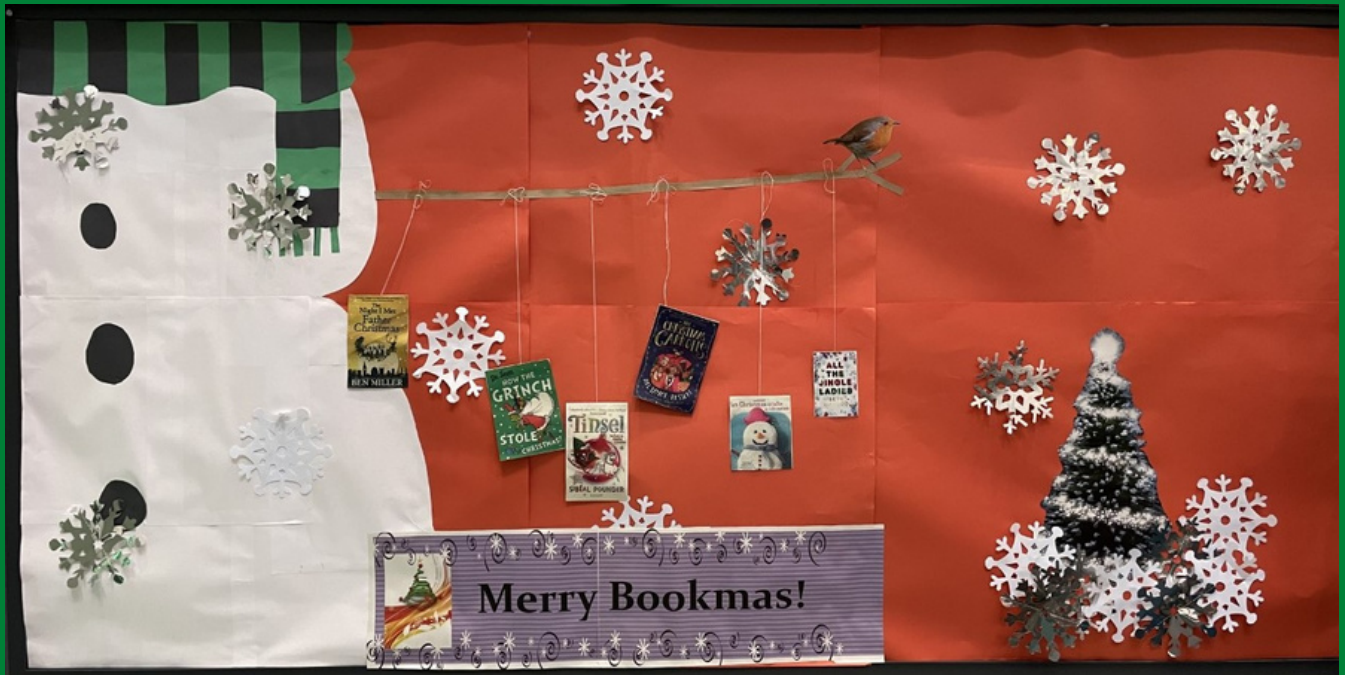
First Award

Aleena
Halima
Lillie
Caleb
Isabella
Clodagh
Eve
Oscar
Lucy
Chloe
Ellie
Tanner
Phoebe

Bronze Award

Aleena
Halima
Isabella
Lillie

CONGRATULATIONS!



Lillie's fabulous display!



Merry
Christmas!

from all in the LRC