

# The Brompton Bugle

Term 3 has seen the launch of our brand new reading scheme: Accelerated Reader. Both staff and pupils alike have demonstrated our school value of enthusiasm in ensuring that the scheme has got off to a flying start. In this issue of the Brompton Bugle, our reporters have been speaking to staff and pupils about their views on the scheme.



## The Impact of Accelerated Reader

*Arshpreet in Year 5 has been reflecting on the impact of Accelerated Reader and interviewing children around the school to see what they think.*

Accelerated Reader has encouraged me to read more books. I love reading but before Accelerated Reader, I didn't make the time at home to read books from school. Now I feel inspired to make time. The scheme has helped me to find the most suitable books for my reading ability. I enjoy taking a quiz at the end of each book and keeping track of how many points I have received.

Other children around the school, including Ronav in 2B, Margarita in 4M and Gabriela in 5H, have agreed that Accelerated Reader has encouraged them to read more and the books that they are now reading are more appropriate for their level.

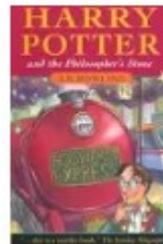
Although Riley, 5H, agreed that he has read more books, his feedback was that some of the books in his range are not interesting because they are too young.

Overall, Accelerated Reader has had a really positive impact on the children in the school and reading is now happening more often but a suggestion to make it even better would be to buy some more books across all reading ranges so that there is something for everybody to enjoy.

## What's Being Read?

*Reported by Gabriela, Year 5*

*One of our school priorities this year is to encourage reading for pleasure. In connection with this, each term we will be interviewing a different member of staff to find out what their favourite book is and ask them to tell us about it. This term, Miss Guest, a student teacher supporting Year 5, and Kehinde from 4M have shared what they have been reading.*



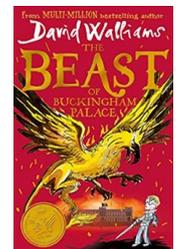
### Harry Potter Series

**J.K. Rowling**

Miss Guest's favourite books are the Harry Potter books and also Game of Thrones. She likes these because they are set in a different universe and they take you away from the real world. Her favourite character in Harry Potter is Ron Weasley. Miss Guest would give all the Harry Potter books 5 stars out of 5 because of how well they are written.

### The Beast of Buckingham Palace

**David Walliams**

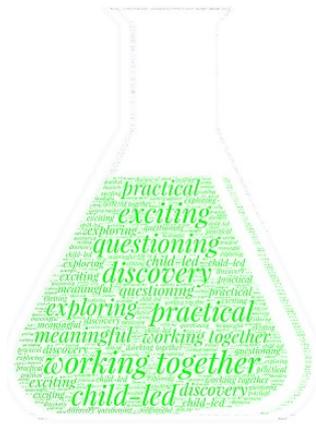


Kehinde's favourite book is called the Beast of Buckingham Palace. She likes this book because she wants to challenge herself and it is adventurous and interesting. The author, David Walliams, has inspired Kehinde to keep reading. Her favourite character in the story is Alfred. Kehinde would give this book 5 stars out of 5.

# CURRICULUM ROUNDUP

## Science Special

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## Science Week

Next term we are looking forward to an exciting Science Week, based around the theme of space. Children will have the opportunity to 'train like an astronaut' as we take part in Mission X - a series of short activities linking science and PE to space travel. KS2 will also be taking part in the Primary Engineer competition, following the success of last year, but considering how to solve problems in space. There will be a science fair for parents and children to share in the excitement of the week. Furthermore, Mrs Staples and Mrs Hofer are organising a star gazing event for families, with the support of Mid Kent College. There will be opportunities to view the stars through telescopes and to speak to experts on the night.

Science week: 9th-13th March 2020

## Science Ambassadors

This term children across years 5 and 6 have been applying for the role of science ambassadors. This is a new initiative encouraging motivated children to be involved in running a lunchtime science club for different year groups, taking responsibility for the organisation of the science cupboard, talking to teachers and pupils about their science lessons, meeting with Mrs Mason and other adults to discuss science and ensuring our principles and vision are driven forward.

There was an overwhelming number of applications and the quality of entries was extremely high. This demonstrates how much science is valued in the school and how passionate children are about being part of it. 18 ambassadors have now been selected and regular updates about their roles around the school will be posted.

## #BigSchoolsBirdwatch

On Saturday 25th January, Mrs Staples organised a bird watching event, linking to the national Big School's Birdwatch. A group of children and their family members joined Mrs Staples in observing the different birds seen around the school field between 8am and 9am. The data was then entered onto the national website and can be compared against other schools around the country. For further information, check out the website:

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/big-schools-birdwatch-2020-2/>



# Beyond the Classroom

Brompton Westbrook Primary School is involved in many initiatives that take place beyond what is learnt in the classroom. Many children and teachers give up lunchtimes and time after school to maximise opportunities for learning and to develop our school in different ways. This section gives you the chance to find out more about these each term.

## POETRY BY HEART

### Poetry by Heart Competition

#### **Reported by Antor**

The 'Poetry by Heart' competition will be commencing in the next few weeks. In this competition, children have to choose 2 poems to learn off by heart: one written before 1914 and one written after 1914. The children have to practice their poems repetitively until they are able recite them without any prompting.

To see who will get the chance to represent the school, there is an in-school competition. The winners of this then go on to compete against other schools.

Good luck to everyone taking part!

### Medway Music Festival

#### **Reported by Hannah, Caitlin and Karolina**

On 9th March 2020, Mr MacDonald will be taking 20-30 children in the KS2 choir to the Central Theatre for the Medway Music Festival. In addition, he will be taking 10 children for the recorder festival (taking place on Thursday 12th February) and a class for the KS1 choir. All audience members must purchase tickets for the event.

Mr MacDonald wants our school to take part so that more children have the opportunity to embrace music and singing, inspiring them and others to follow their dreams.



### Burnet News Club

In Burnet News this term we have been examining politics and power. We have considered the key concepts of power, democracy, justice and responsibility, and how politician's should be held to account when standards slip.

The quality of blog posts this term has been fantastic, with many children gaining national recognition, for demonstrating the core values of reasoning, speaking up, scepticism and open-mindedness. On 10th January, warm\_cricket in Year 6 was named the winner of the weekly competition: What question would you ask Jeremy Paxman - the person who has been questioning politicians for his whole career? And why?

Here was her winning question was:

***Does your job make it easier or harder to decide who to vote for?***

"This is a fascinating question and it will be very interesting to hear how Jeremy's interviews inform his own opinion." Burnet News.



*Jeremy Paxman—journalist.*

## Games and Leisure

In our newspaper we would like to give readers the chance to play different games. Last term children voted for a word search and times table colouring. This term we are offering spot the difference and a general knowledge quiz. Enjoy!

Can you spot all the differences between the two pictures below?



### Geography

- What is the capital city of Australia?
- How many states are there in America?
- What is the name of the main river in India?
- Does China or the USA have the largest population?
- Name the seven continents.

### History

- Who is buried in the pyramids of Ancient Egypt?
- In what year did the Battle of Hastings take place?
- How old was Queen Elizabeth II when she became queen?
- In which season did the UEFA Champions League begin in its current format?
- What was Henry VIII third wife called?

### Science

- Which two elements make up water?
- How many days does it take for the moon to orbit the earth?
- What are the function of roots in a plant?
- What part of the body protect the heart?
- Name two food groups.