



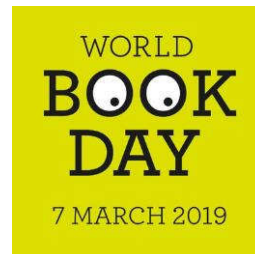
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Firrhill News

March 2019

Book swap/give-away event

World Book Day is a worldwide celebration created by UNESCO to promote the enjoyment of books and reading. In Scotland World Book Day is on 7 March. Firrhill will be holding a book swap/give-away event from 4 to 7 March at lunchtimes in the school library, organised by the Environment Group and school librarian Mr Declan McCann. Parent volunteers encourage pupils and staff to take books to enjoy.



To continue this fantastic school event, new helpers are needed – could you organise future book swap/give-aways!

Please donate any books – for children or adults – to the school library or contact carolyn.hargest@btconnect.com

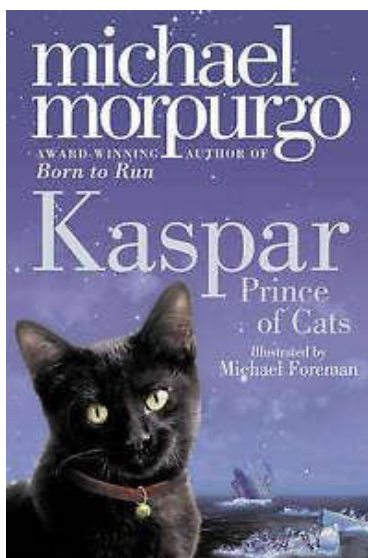
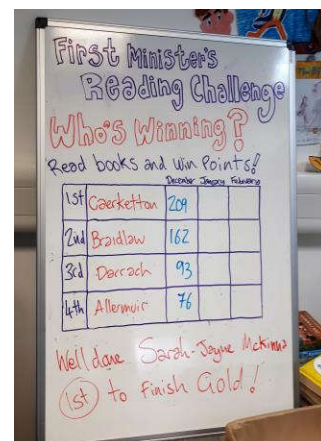
School Reading Challenge Award

“Congratulations to Sarah-Jayne McKinna, who was the first pupil this year to achieve a Gold award in the School Reading Challenge. She received an award, a £10 book voucher and lots of points for her House Team”, said school librarian Declan McCann.

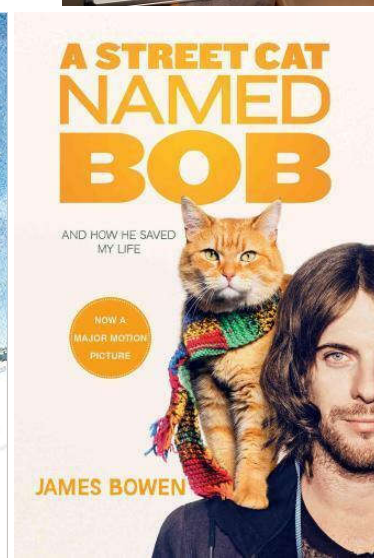
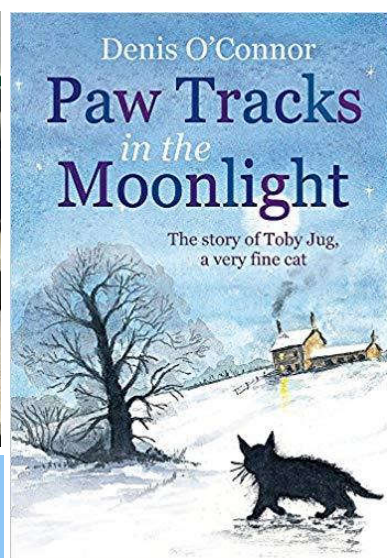
Some of Sarah-Jayne’s favourite books: Denis O'Connor’s *Paw Tracks in the Moonlight*, *Kaspar: Prince of Cats*, by Michael Morpurgo and *A Street Cat named Bob*, by James Bowen.

She likes a street Cat named Bob because it talks about what real life can be like.

“I like the story about how meeting Bob the cat changes the man’s life” said Sarah-Jayne.



Well done to Sarah-Jayne McKinna for winning this award!



News Items Required

Firrhill News needs more news items to feature – simply send a short paragraph, with a quote and photos to carolyn.hargest@btconnect.com. Subjects could include sporting events, community activities/shows and achievements and coverage of school events. This will be especially important after May 2019 to help our new editor Isabel Wright wrightisabel@yahoo.co.uk to produce *Firrhill News* after Carolyn Hargest leaves.

Specific areas could include sports: photos and information about school matches, pictures of teams and results.

Arts: news about any shows and concerts, at the school or in the community, featuring our talented Firrhill pupils.

Individual achievements – sports, enterprise or otherwise – everyone loves to hear about pupils who are doing well!

The Environment Group

The Environment Group is one of the Parent Council’s working groups, and its current aims are:

- to help the school with its Eco School’s Green Flag award (to be renewed in two years’ time);
- to help the school to promote safe cycling among pupils and the Cycle Friendly Secondary School Award (to be renewed in three years’ time);
- to initiate interdisciplinary learning projects within the school relating to the environment.

We need more parents to help with eco work in the school.

To help the school achieve our next Green Flag Award, look after the school gardens, collect glasses for Vision Aid Overseas and donate books for the book give-away!

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