

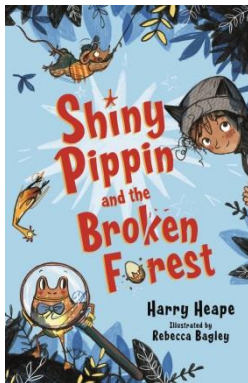


READING – WHY WE LOVE IT!

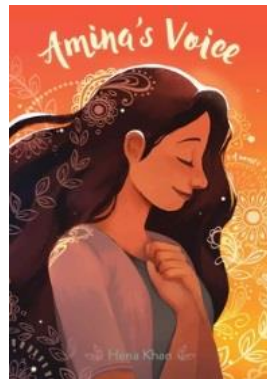
As has been noted in earlier newsletters and at parent teacher meetings, St. James & St. John has shifted towards a whole class novel approach to the teaching of reading in all classes in Key Stage 2.

This half term sees the third of the class novels being read in Years 3-6. See below for the great novels being studied:

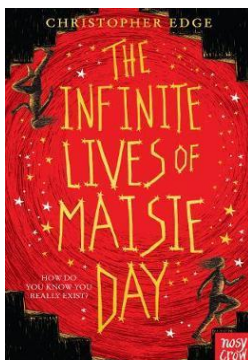
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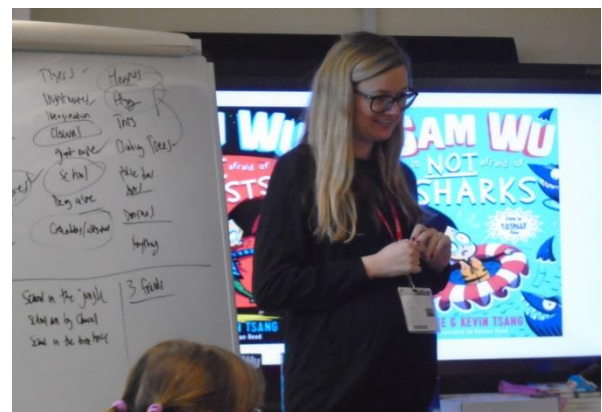
Year 6:



Each student in these classes gets a copy of the class novel to read from during reading lessons and they all have access to questions and discussion points to help develop understanding of the texts being read.

So far, the feedback from the children has been incredibly positive and we continue to introduce new elements to this program.

Year 4 had a visit from one of the authors – Katie Tsang – of a previous class novel yesterday, and was given the opportunity to learn about the writing process as well as ask her questions about the thinking behind the character of Sam Wu. She even signed copies of the books for the class.



Katie Tsang leading a brainstorming session.



Year 5 has also pushed their whole class novel into a new direction as they began their online book club forum. Discussions of their current novel of study have helped everyone in the class understand some quite difficult scientific concepts to do with the universe, multi-dimensional theory and even the creation of the darkest man-made substance known – Vantablack.

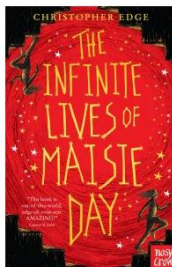
With a focus on the development of the key comprehension skills of: defining words in context; finding and retrieving information; summarisation; making inferences and providing evidence; predicting; explaining purpose and meaning of structure; explaining meaning of authorial choices; and, comparing parts of and whole texts, the discussions have enabled a deeper understanding of the texts being read. They've also just been really good fun!

Please look out for future opportunities in the summer term to come and watch some of our great discussions!

YEAR 5 BOOK CLUB 2019

© 21ST JANUARY 2019 LPETERS 25 COMMENTS EDIT

We're reading *The Infinite Lives Of Maisie Day* by Christopher Edge.



Let's discuss...

hassn

21ST JANUARY 2019 AT 5:35 PM EDIT

I agree with you Mr.Peters because this book is very confusing but also very exiting to read

REPLY

costn

21ST JANUARY 2019 AT 4:10 PM EDIT

I think the most difficult part of the book was when there were two Maisies in different dimensions. I think Christopher Edge should make it more understanding for children to read. Also it is challenging to understand the words that Christopher Edge wrote in the book. Also I think Christopher Edge should tell that there are two Maisies instead of making it confusing.

REPLY

*lpeters

22ND JANUARY 2019 AT 6:47 AM EDIT

Why do you think it is difficult to understand the two worlds Christopher Edge has created in the book, costn? Find an example from the text to show how the world itself is also really challenging to understand. Do you think he did this purposefully as the author?

REPLY

CANDLEMAS SERVICE

The St. James & St. John Candlemas Service will be held this year at St. James's Church, Sussex Gardens. The service will take place on Wednesday 6th February at 9:00am. Registration will take place at the Church so parents are welcome to stay and join us for the service.

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CHILDREN'S FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – PENNY WAR



The St. James & St. John Children's Fundraising Committee will be running a penny war competition to help raise funds for the school.

After a very successful Movie Night, the committee has decided to set up jars to collect 1, 2 and 5p coins for each class. The competition will see which class or staff/visitor group can fill its jar the fastest.

Further information will follow, so keep your ear to the ground and eyes on the prize to see who will emerge as victor of the 2019 StJ&StJ Penny War!

BROADENING OUR CURRICULUM

To enable the deepening understanding within all of the learning that takes place at St. James & St. John, the students have participated and will continue to do so in a variety of activities outside of the school grounds.

In P.E., Years 5 and 6 have been attending cricket workshops at Lords Cricket Ground; in English, all classes – EYFS-6 – have continued their visits to Paddington Children's Library; Years 4 and 5 have continued their swimming sessions at Porchester Leisure Centre; Year 3 will be attending the Floating Classroom; some classes will be attending concerts at Wigmore Hall; and, continued visits to both churches have taken place during R.E. lessons.

Visitors to the school have included, as previously stated, published authors and musicians to ensure the

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children remain engaged and excited about their learning. For further information regarding any of the activities the school participates in, please do not hesitate to ask.

If you can offer any opportunities, please don't hesitate to speak to Mr Peters or Mr O'Donoghue as the children have always responded incredibly positively to seeing the connections between their learning and the world beyond school.

School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2018/2019 Academic Year

Spring 1	
Tuesday 5th February 9:00- 10:00am	Parent Phonics Workshop
Wednesday 6th February 9:00	Candelmas Service Reception – Year 6 at St. James's Church, Sussex Gardens Registration in St. James's Church. Parents are welcome to join us for the service.
Monday 11 th February – Friday 15 th February	POETRY WEEK Tuesday 12 th February – Class finals Thursday 14th February – Whole school final at St John's Hyde Park

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Half term holiday Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February	
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Spring 2	
Monday 25 th February	INSET DAY – School closed to children
Thursday 28 th February	Spring term parent & teacher meetings
Wednesday 6 th March	Whole school Ash Wednesday service at St James's Sussex Gardens 2pm <i>All are welcome to join</i>
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day <i>We look forward to seeing your book themed costumes!</i>
Friday 8 th March	PFA Mothers' day tea party <i>Please support our PFA fundraising event.</i>
Monday 18 th March – Friday 22 nd March	International Week <i>Friday 22nd March Celebration Day at St James's Sussex Gardens from 1:30pm</i>
Wednesday 28 th March 2:55pm	Year 2 Collective Worship
Tuesday 2 nd April – Thursday 4 th April	Year 4 School Journey to PGL
Tuesday 2 nd April	Whole school church service at St John's Hyde Park 10am <i>All welcome to join</i>
Easter Holiday Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April	