



Tudor Grange Academy
Kingshurst

 Sixth Form

Sixth Sense

Which Week?

This Week: 28th Feb (Week 2)

Next week: 7th March (Week 1)

Welcome Back!

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." Charles Dickens—'Great Expectations'

Dear students, parents and carers,

Despite Storm Eunice blowing away hopes for many outdoor activities, we do hope that your spirits were not too dampened over half term and you had a restful and enjoyable break. We are looking forward to another busy—but brighter—term ahead as the days get lighter and spring is finally approaching. This term also marks the half way point of the school year and we often find that students see this as a great opportunity to refocus and motivate themselves.

World Book Day 2022!

Did you know...

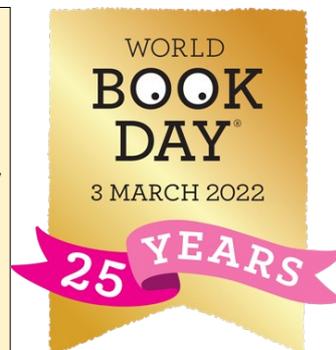
- 'Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success— more than family circumstances, educational background or income'.—World Book Day
- There are over 130 million books in print. That's a lot to choose from!

In a fast-moving world where technological advancements have brought instantaneous decisions and convenience to all areas of our lives, it is perhaps unsurprising to hear that reading for pleasure is in decline and at its lowest level since 2005. Undoubtedly, reading is part of our daily lives. However, research suggests that deep, uninterrupted reading for pleasure is becoming more of a struggle due to the distractions of the digital world. In order to combat this potential barrier, this year's World Book Day places emphasis on the '10-minute story share'. Reading for just 10 minutes a day can promote a love of reading and help to build up your resilience. You can read anywhere: from the breakfast table, on the train, the sofa, to during the adverts of your favourite tv show!

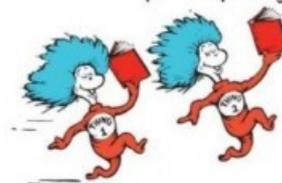
This week we are excited to be celebrating World Book Day across the academy. To mark the day on Thursday, staff will be collaborating with their departments to bring a book to life through costume and decoration. Throughout the week, students will also learn about their tutor's 'life in books', while getting the chance to reflect on some of the books that have contributed to their own lives. The Information Centre will be open, providing staff and students with the opportunity to take out a new book and nestle into a corner to read it.

For more information on World Book Day and how you can get involved, visit the website on:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/about-us/>



The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



Inspirational Literature:

"What I need is the dandelion in the spring. The bright yellow that means rebirth instead of destruction. The promise that life can go on, no matter how bad our losses. That it can be good again." – Suzanne Collins, 'Mockingjay'

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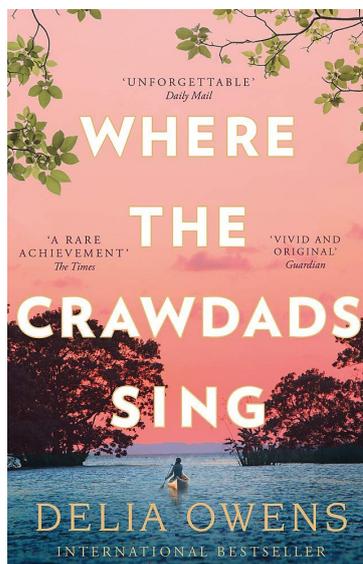
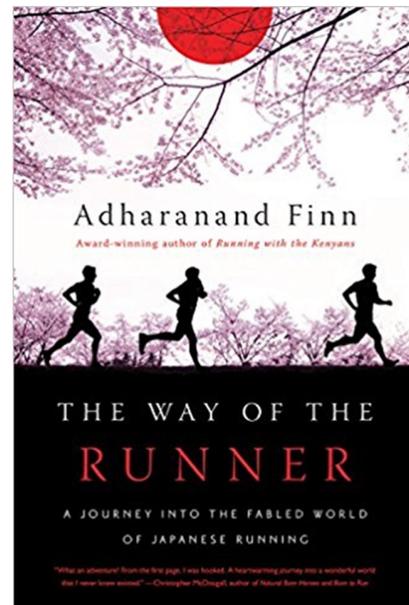


A book that hooked me...

The Way of the Runner—Adharanand Finn

Despite owning but not having read Finn's first book, *Running with the Kenyans*, I bizarrely choose to give this a go following on from reading another book on running by an author called Chris McDougall (*Born to Run*). Being someone involved in teaching A Level PE and BTEC Sport Science I thought I would have a wider knowledge of the topic of this book which centred around a Japanese running race called 'ekiden'. In essence, ekiden a long distance relay race and is Japan's largest annual sporting event (similar to that of perhaps the FA Cup in England). A team of six runners has to run part of the total distance of a race and pass a baton of sorts to the next runner of the team once they have run their 'leg'. A race can range from having to run part of a 30 mile course to that of a 450 mile-long course(!), and in some cases takes three days to complete!

As a nation that enjoys running, companies and universities sponsor running teams and pay the athletes to run for them, similar to being an employee. In order for Finn to fully embrace the ekiden event and the training that goes into it, he, himself moves to Japan along with his wife and young children to discover about the culture, preparation and how seriously the Japanese approach this race whilst providing an experience of a life time for his family to assimilate into the Japanese society. **- Mr Bowers**



Where the Crawdads Sing—Delia Owens

I read this book during the summer of the national lockdown. Being whisked away to the beautiful marsh lands of Barkley Cove, a town on the North Carolina Coast, was the perfect form of escapism. Owen's detailed layers of description allows you to vividly imagine the world that the protagonist, Kya, inhabits. This book challenged my expectations of storytelling as the setting dominates the narrative and often takes precedence over the dialogue of characters.

I will let the blurb entice you:

For years, rumours of the 'Marsh Girl' have haunted Barkley Cove. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Due to its success on The New York Times Fiction Best Sellers list, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is now being adapted for the big screen. Although this is positive publicity for the author, and may encourage others to pick up and read it, I am apprehensive about the director's ability to do the book justice and wonder if the images created in my mind will be distorted as a result.

I would recommend this book to anybody who is interested in murder mysteries, coming of age stories or beautiful places around the world! **- Miss Foster**

If you have books to recommend, I would love to hear from you on jfoster@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk

Happy Reading!