



Livo Loves Reading

Hello and a big welcome to our new Year 7 pupils. What a great start they have had!

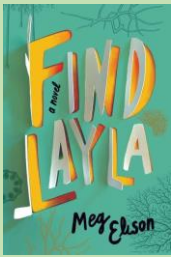
Lots of reading recommendations in this edition, along with a spotlight on our three whole year reads for Y7, 8 & 9 and re-launch of our library loyalty card.

Year 7 will be reading BOY EVERYWHERE



13-year-old Sami has a privileged, peaceful life in Damascus, full of football and computer games. But in a flash all this is gone, and his family have to flee Syria. We have emotional insights into the terror experienced by refugees and asylum seekers, and are moved to tears by the way Sami and his family are always trying to help others.

Year 8 will be reading FIND LAYLA



Layla Bailey isn't used to being noticed, except by mean girls who tweet about her ragged appearance. All she wants to do is indulge her love of science, protect her vulnerable young brother and avoid her unstable mother. When she posts a blog of her living situation on the internet, her entire life goes viral! Layla never gives up hope!

Year 9 will be reading THE BOY WHO STEALS HOUSES



Sam is only 15 but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every other relative he's ever known. Now Sam's trying to build a new life for them. He survives by breaking into empty houses when their owners are away, until one day he's caught out when a family returns home. To his amazement this large, chaotic family take him under their wing!

Author Spotlight – Malorie Blackman



Malorie Blackman has published successfully for all age groups. Perhaps her most popular books, however, were the critically acclaimed young adult novels in the Noughts & Crosses series, all of which deal with racial issues. Malorie attended Thames Polytechnic in London where she studied Computer Science. She worked as a Database Manager and Filing Clerk, before turning to full-time writing in 1990. That year she published her first book, *Not So Stupid!*, which is a collection of short stories. In 2013 she became the UK's Children's Laureate.

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

- <https://www.ourreadingden.com>
- <https://www.mybookcorner.co.uk>
- <https://www.justimagine.co.uk/reviews>

Book recommendations and reviews

IF YOU LIKED THE NARNIA BOOKS TRY THESE

If you are a fan of the Narnia books, we have some suggestions of fantasy stories that we think you will enjoy too!



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Today we interviewed Miss Giblin

What do you love about reading?

I love being able to escape into different worlds. I also love 'living' the life of the characters!

What was your favourite book when you were younger?

I loved 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' when I was really young because my mum read it to me at bedtime as well as all the other Narnia books.

What are you currently reading?

I am reading a book called 'The Midnight Library' – it's about a library of all the lives you could have lived. The main character has the chance to live in these different lives and choose which one really makes her happy.

Reading Advice for students

Picking the right book for you is so important! Look for books that really hook you – talk to your friends about the books they've enjoyed, ask for help in the library or ask your English teacher for recommendations.

Library Loyalty Card Scheme

We are re-launching our Library loyalty card scheme. You can collect your loyalty card from the desk in the library and each time you read a book we will stamp your card. Once you have read six books you will be entered into a prize draw at the end of each term. Praise points will also be added each time you read a book!



"The sheer joy of being able to dive into a book and escape into a land of adventures is unlike anything else"

