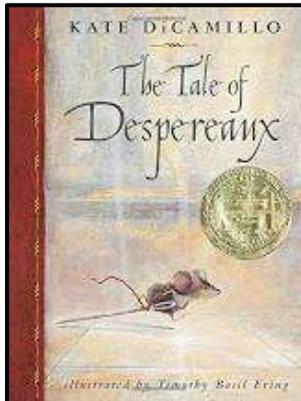


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Welcome back after half-term! I hope you've enjoyed finding some time to read and lose yourself in a book over the holiday!

This week I am pleased to announce we have our first student book reviews! Students who have recently finished reading a book of their choice will have their recommendations published in *Mrs McHugh's Library News*.

Chloe in Year 7 recently finished reading Kate DiCamillo's novel, **The Tale of Despereaux** and here's why she thinks **you** should read it too!

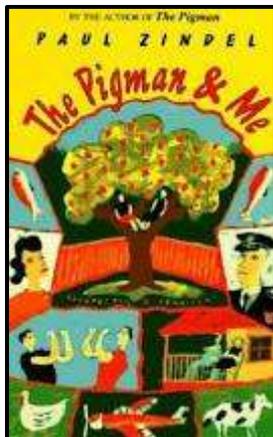


I think the Tale of Despereaux is absolutely wonderful as it is so heart-warming and I loved it so much! Kate DiCamillo is one of the best authors out there! She should be so proud of what she has produced. She is so funny but at times, her books can be very upsetting which makes me feel like I am actually in the book which I love! I love that Despereaux is different from the rest of the other mice too because he was born with his eyes open, has large ears and loves music and other mice don't! I think Kate DiCamillo did a fantastic job – she is now my favourite author! Thank you Kate DiCamillo for creating such a wonderful book!

Chloe

And Chloe ***is not the only one*** who really rates Kate DiCamillo books! **The Times Children's Book of the Week** says "Kate DiCamillo deserves to have a shelf space in homes everywhere." I strongly urge you to read one of her books! Her writing is a masterclass on addictive page turning!

Kaysi in Year 7 read a book recommended by Mrs Williams over half term the holiday. Let's take a look at why they think **you** should read **The Pigman and Me!**

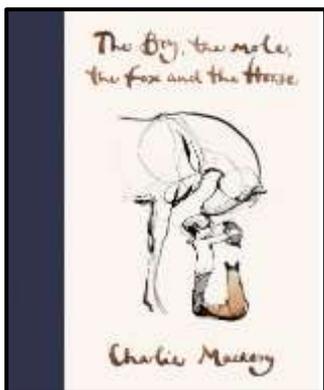


I think the novel The Pigman and Me is a great book. If I had to rate it on a scale of one to five, I would give it a 4.5 because it is an autobiography (his life story) and I don't normally read autobiographies. However, I do like to learn about different people and their lives as well as the adventures they have experienced.

Kaysi

I found Paul Zindel's book neglected on the bottom shelf in the Library (few students look for authors in the Z section!) I didn't feel that his Memoir got the recognition it deserved! The name 'Pigman' intrigued me together with the covering sleeve and so I decided to give it a read. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book about Zindel's formative years in America during the 1940's and how they shaped his future life. Everybody has a "Pigman" in their life ... you may already have met yours! The themes in this book still resonate today and his book teaches us about resilience, determination, ambition and to always follow your dream!

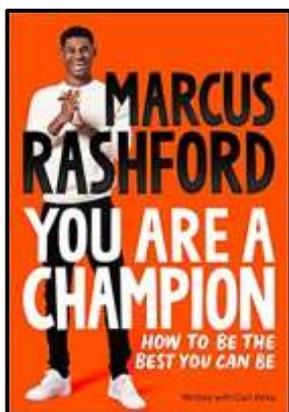
Mrs Williams



I believe this book is incredibly important to read at least once in your life. Everybody will have a different perspective of this book - every time you read it. It teaches you how to be kind not to just others but yourself also, and that there is nothing wrong with asking for help. My personal favourite quote is "do you have any other advice?" Asked the boy. 'Don't measure how valuable you are by the way you are treated' said the horse."
Harry, Year 12



And this is my favourite quote because everybody is important and you just have to be the best person you can be!
Mrs McHugh



And finally...it has been wonderful to see students coming to the library to borrow Marcus Rashford's new book this week. Why not come to the library and pick up a copy? It is a brilliant and inspiring read! **We have some Marcus Rashford bookmarks to give away too!**

For me, learning how to believe in myself came when I started reading books: it showed me how to explore the possibilities within myself. When I was younger, I had a dream of playing football for England, but I wasn't quite sure how to get there. Books helped me to figure out how to dream big, how to chase my dream, and how practice every single day. I'd like to pass that on to you with this book.
Marcus Rashford



Top Readers this week



Mateusz B - 137,395, Beth H - 124,153, Kaysi F - 113,481, Holly W-H - 104,527, Ellis T-S - 91,844, Olivia P - 52,688, Brianna H 32,799 Rosie P - 30,285, Jessica M - 19,401, Ruby-Jane S - 8,514, Ewan G - 6,135, Flourish U - 5,331.

Happy reading to students, parents and staff alike!