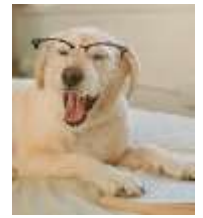




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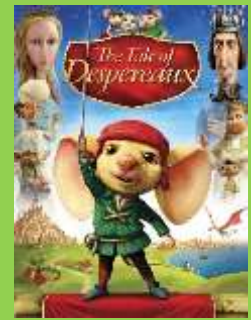
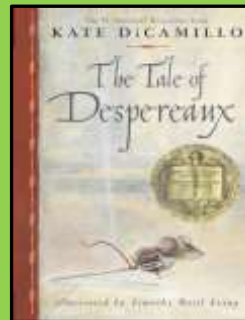
Quote of the Week: *Stories are light. Light is precious in a world so dark.* (**The Tale of Despereaux**)

I hope you have managed to read with your child this week and share in the wonder of reading! You may recall that I recommended two books by the international bestselling author, **Kate DiCamillo** last week (**Flora and Ulysses** and **The Tiger Rising**). Well, I can now share another of her books with you and hopefully entice you to read aloud with your child this week - **The Tale of Despereaux** (a middle year's book), suitable for ages 12 and over.

Here are my reasons for recommending this book to parents and students alike:

- Sometimes you just need to escape into an imaginary world!
- The story is funny, uplifting and beautifully illustrated.
- There's some fantastic vocabulary in this book! My favourite word was "chiaroscuro" - a term used in art, for the use of strong contrasts between light and dark. Let's face it, we've all experienced some light and dark moments in the past 12 months!

Here's an example of a **chiaroscuro** painting by Giovanni Baglione.



"When we read together, we connect. Together, we see the world. Together, we see one another."

(Kate DiCamillo)

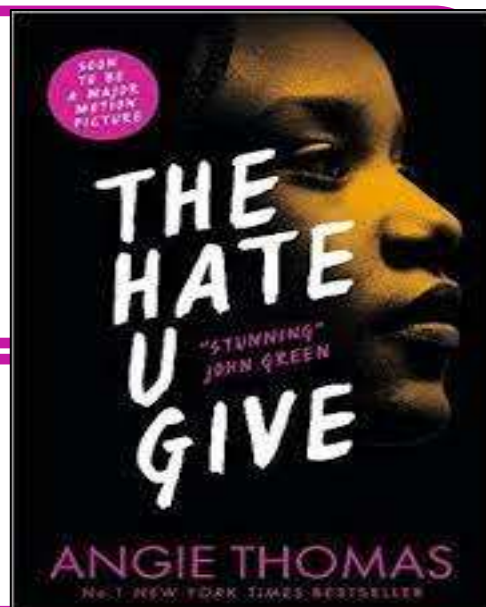
The Tale of Despereaux was made into a movie, so I like to read the book, then watch the film and compare and contrast them! I can guarantee though that **the book is always better!** Check out the trailer here:

<https://www.youtube.com/wat>

I've also been reading **The Hate U Give** this week. Inspired by the **Black Lives Matter** movement, this is a powerful and gripping Young Adult (YA) novel about one girl's struggle for justice. It is a must-read for students aged 14 and above!

The Hate U Give was also made into a film. Check out the link to see the trailer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MM8OkVTOhw>



Both **The Tale of Despereaux** and **The Hate U Give** are available to loan in the school library or at the local Libraries in Ellesmere Port.



Ellesmere Port libraries also have an eBook/eAudio book service called BorrowBox. Books are available to loan on smartphones and tablets. Users need a library card and PIN number to join and it works just like library loans in that books are loaned for 3 weeks and can be renewed if no-one has put a hold on the book. Titles can be reserved if necessary, and the app can be downloaded from Play store for Android users and App Store for iPhone/iPad.



Our reading superstars this week are:



Beth H 186,383 , Nathaniel W 156,301, Olivia B 118,933, Sophie D 93,164, Sebastian L 89,364, Isabelle L 83,272, Aaron T 66,408, Rosie P 30,980, Christian S 25,539, Anthony N 24,693, Kaysi F 10,594, Harshitha LP 8,265, Harry W 5,035.

Thank you for taking the time to read Mrs McHugh's Library news - I hope you enjoy reading my book suggestions this week!

Happy reading to parents, students and staff alike! Enjoy your weekend read!