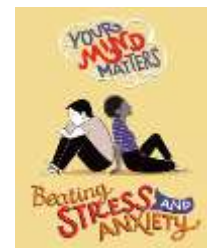
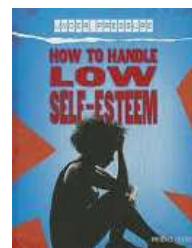
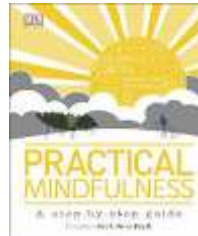
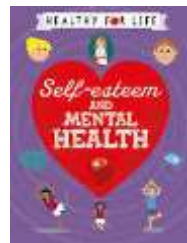


It has been a very busy week in the library! It has been a pleasure to see so many students using the library to read for pleasure, complete their homework and attend clubs such as After School Reading, the Brilliant Club, the Games2Design Club (a project run by Cambridge University and 4wardfutures) and the Equality and Diversity Group.

As this week is mental health awareness week, we have been signposting our students to resources which can support them with their mental health in the school library and in their local library too. The Reading Well scheme provides advice to 13 to 18 year olds about issues like anxiety, stress and OCD, and difficult experiences like bullying.



Reading is more important than ever!

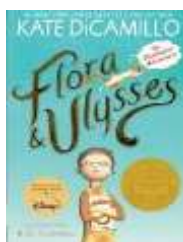
After a year of virtual school and pandemic stress reading has become **a much-needed escape**.

UNESCO has recently undertaken a study on the link between reading children's literature and wellbeing. They found that "reading stories, especially fantasy, is a "social vaccination" against all the restrictions **because they help children find a way to exit what COVID-19 put into play.**"

Fictitious worlds can also help children deal with real-life problems and promote wellbeing. Books can help children handle tough times and help them process their emotions through a story and its characters. That said, the books which made me smile this week are both from #1 *New York Times* best-selling author Kate DiCamillo. **Recommend these books to your children...they will not be disappointed!**



Twelve year old Rob is grieving, lonely and anxious but when Rob meets a new friend Sistine, he discovers memories and heartache cannot be locked up forever.



A laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters and featuring an exciting new format—a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations. If you enjoyed reading the book, try watching the recently released film on Disney Plus. Check out the trailer on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05F8MmsiLQs>



Word Count - Super Stars – 05/05/21- 13/05/2021

Beth 90,766, Nathaniel 79,963, Lexie, 39,847, Kaysi 33,056, Molly 28,326, Alex 23,843, James 20,165, Georgia 10,520, Lewis 6,365, Imogen 6,205.



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Erin, Olivia, Sienna, Grace, Antek, Davide, Harry, Logan, Alexandra.

Happy reading to parents and students alike!