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Bredon Hill Academy Reading Newsletter Summer 4



Readathon 2021

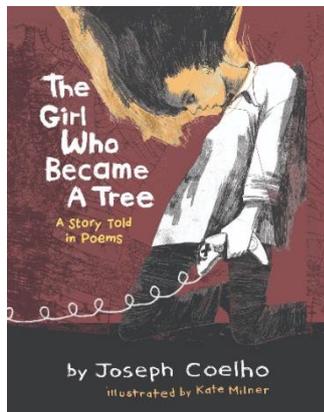
From the 7th to 11th June, students from Bredon Hill Academy participated in Readathon 2021. The Readathon is a reading fundraiser where children can ask others to sponsor them to read. The money raised goes to children that are in hospitals across the United Kingdom, so that they can receive brand new books to bring them enjoyment and feed their imagination no matter what is happening around them.

At Bredon Hill Academy, we were all provided with a booklet for the week. On the Readathon booklet, there was a page where our sponsors could fill in their details to help us raise money for this fantastic charity. To raise the money, we could choose to listen to an audiobook or read a book, magazine, poem, song or any other text both in school and at home which was fun.

From this experience, we noticed that it has encouraged us to read our books more. We also noticed an improvement in the length of time we were able to read for.

We are extremely pleased that we had this opportunity to improve children's experiences in hospital, expand our school library, have fun and increase our vocabulary all at the same time. We cannot wait to take part next time!' **Freddie, Susie and India Year 6**

[Book 4](#) from the **Carnegie shortlist**



**The Girl Who
Became A Tree**
By Joseph Coelho

Parenting Tip #4:

While reading, help your child make connections with the text.

When you ask your child questions such as ...

How would you feel if that happened to you?

or

Does this part of the story remind you of our holiday on the beach?

... you are helping your child make a "text-to-self" connection.



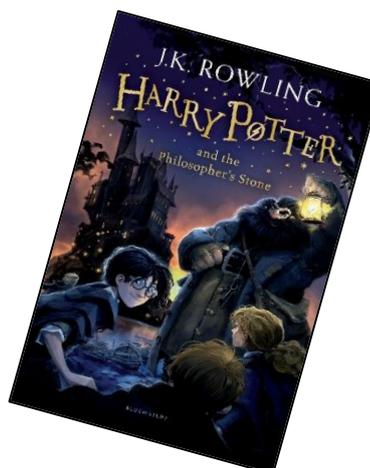
Podcast of the week: <https://www.funkidslive.com/podcast/fun-kids-book-worms/>

Every fortnight, Bex is here for the **Fun Kids Book Worms** podcast where she meets your favourite authors and finds out what makes them tick.



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Reviews:

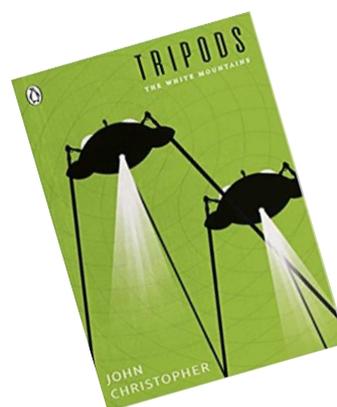


'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' By J K Rowling

'Mr and Mrs Dursley of number four, privet drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much.' This was the first line of a book in a series that took me on a magical adventure. I am sure the name in the extract has given away my favourite series... the infamous Harry Potter!

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone brings to life the story of an orphaned young boy, who embarks on a new life at a school for witches and wizards, Hogwarts. Whilst there Harry forms strong friendships and finds himself using his new-found magical powers to protect the philosopher's stone, a stone that allows the barer to create the elixir of life, making them immortal. In the wrong hands it could be very dangerous. The big draw to this book for me is the level of description the author included in her book, allowing me to develop my own image of the characters in my head. If you have not read the books, I would highly advise not watching the films until you have read them, I find the fun in reading is building your own pictures in your mind, it then becomes more personal journey.

Mrs K Grffin



The Tripods Trilogy' By John Christopher

'The Tripods Trilogy' is a series of three novels set in an imagined future world ruled over by aliens. In these novels you read from the perspective of the character, Will. Will lives a peaceful life never leaving his village when a "Graveller" arrives and tells him about how 'the Tripods' wiped out humans. Nobody remembers life on Earth before they enslaved it. Humans live in scattered farms and villages, kept quiet and obedient by the mind-controlling Caps implanted when they reach their teens. He warns Will that he will be placed under the influence of a mind-controlling Cap. Will then goes on a long journey to a place called the white mountains to gain his freedom. I enjoyed reading this series and learning about the post-apocalyptic world that Christopher creates. I give this trilogy a 9/10.

Coen Year 8

If you want to write a review to be published, please do so and hand it to Mrs Bartlett or Mrs Merrick for publication in this newsletter. There could be a reward!