

Library News

'BookBuzz' - Free Books for Year 7's

All of Year 7 pupils have been given the opportunity to order a free book, courtesy of the 'BookBuzz' Scheme; which is an annual initiative that will hopefully encourage them to carry on reading as they get older. The books have been ordered and will be delivered in 6 to 8 weeks time. The selection of books this year is outstanding and we do hope Year 7 will enjoy the books they have chosen.



Accelerated Reader

Parents and Carers should now be familiar with the Accelerated Reader scheme; a great reading programme used at Birchensale to focus on improving reading levels across the school. The AR programme is designed to develop and improve reading ability through on-line tests and book quizzes. Pupils are guided to books appropriate to their reading age and ability and are rewarded for their reading progress. During this difficult time, it may not always be possible for your child to access to the school library to quiz. Therefore, we would like to encourage children to quiz from home where possible. Letters have now been sent out outlining how pupils can quiz at home. The letter also explains how parents can access their child's Accelerated Reader record via Renaissance Home Connect. Please try out the Home Connect as it is a great way of seeing what your child is reading and how well they are doing with their quizzing! **Please** support children with their reading both at home and at school, by making sure they bring their Accelerated Reader book into school every day and encouraging them to read regularly at home. There are great rewards - not only in the short term, with the prizes to be won, but in the long term as well; the ability to read well is a skill for life.



Scholastic Book Fair

Please Note - This year's Book Fair will not take place in November as usual, but at some time during the Spring or Summer Terms. We will confirm the date in due course.

Librarians

This year we are have had to take a fresh look at how we use our librarians. Usually, we select librarians from Year 7 to help out in the library at lunchtime. However, this year we are having to take the library to the year groups instead - creating a mobile library. We have appointed librarians from each year group; the librarians will help and support other pupils to quiz and change books.

<p><u>Year 5</u> T'lias Ruddy – 5EHO Hamish Waddell – 5OCO Zayaan Sohail – 5AGA Troy Walsh – 5ROU Millie Norris – 5VED</p>	<p><u>Year 6</u> Lana Beasley - 6SRO Hannah Legg – 6ABE Teah Chik-Bailey – 6SHE Mia Carver – 6SHO Bethany Pearson – 6RJE Marisa Austin – 6CKI</p>
<p><u>Year 7</u> Amal Shah – 7MV Ushani Santhirakumar – 7JSP Chester Weaver – 7LTA Amelia Sealey-Stanton – 7AS Hasan Mahmood – 7NM</p>	<p><u>Year 8</u> Kamran Hussain – 8LGA Karolina Zawada – 8BW Haroon Manaf - 8LCA Cameron Nazir – 8ASA Afan Ahmad – 8AGA</p>