



Are you missing the library? Do you miss the buzz of books? Looking for some cracking competitions? Well don't despair... WE ARE BACK! Well, not quite as we were and not a physical library at the moment, but we are here for you, to bring you lots of book themed competitions, activities, reviews, information and most importantly...FUN! We will be sending out our newsletter every two weeks, packed full of goodies, regular features and chances to win House points and prizes. We hope you enjoy it; if you have any suggestions of things you would like to see in the newsletter please email us. In the meantime, enjoy the newsletter, get involved, join in and be part of the library crowd!

## NAME THE NEWSLETTER! COMPETITION TIME

We must admit the "Library Newsletter" is not a very exciting title, so we are hoping that you can come up with something better. If you have a good idea for a catchy title, or book based pun, email us

(Mrs Simkins or Mrs Osborn) with your suggestion. We will review all entries, pick a winner and the newsletter will have a new name! House points will be

awarded for the top 10 best suggestions and the winner will also receive a goody bag. Get your thinking caps on!



## BRAINTEASER!

Below there is a picture of an office but there are 2 things that are not quite right in this picture. Can you see what they are? The answer will be available in the next edition of the library newsletter!!

**Which two things are wrong in the picture?**



## DID YOU KNOW...?

The world's largest library is The Library of Congress in Washington D.C. It has over 170 million items! WOW!



## WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A STUDENT LIBRARIAN? A DAY IN THE LIBRARY LIFE OF SOPHIE BUTLER!

I was a Student Librarian from Year 9 until the end of Year 11. I have always enjoyed reading and always used to spend a lot of my free time in the library anyway, so I felt that it was the perfect opportunity for me. Throughout my time as a Student Librarian, I was able to form close friendships with the other Student Librarians and I think this enabled us to work well together as a team within the library.

I was involved with a number of library activities and events, the Harry Potter themed events being a personal favourite of mine. It was always enjoyable to see a number of different students participating in these events and I think all the organisation that went into the events was completely worth it in the end.



The AR reading scheme was introduced when I went into Year 10 and I think it was definitely interesting for us all having to get used to the new system so we could help the younger students with this process but it was still fun!

There are so many great memories that I have from being a Student Librarian. I enjoyed being able to work with a range of students and helping out however I could around the library.

I definitely think I learnt a lot from the experience. I am grateful to have had the opportunity; it was a major part of my school life and I will cherish the memories I created from my time as part of the library team.

## On **This DAY** in **HISTORY**

### 21st September 1915

On 21 September 1915, Cecil Chubb went to an auction. Feeling in a "whimsical Mood", he decided to make a purchase—something that he thought he might give to his wife as a gift. It was "Stonehenge"! Cecil paid £6,600 at the time—the equivalent today of £533,00!!

His wife was not that impressed! He was the last private owner of Stonehenge, and he then gave it to the nation as a gift in 1918. Thanks Cecil!

Hello darling! Surprise!  
I've bought you  
Stonehenge!





## LIBRARY CATCH-UP-MRS SIMKINS

It has been an unusual 6 months and there have been lots of things I have missed doing and people I have missed seeing but there have been lots of positives too. I have been able to do more reading which is one of my favourite things to do, I have completed 3 jigsaw puzzles all of 1000 pieces at least, I have been able to try different crafts which is another favourite and was able to spend more time with my family and my dog.

We have a dog called Jaspa and he is a cross between a labrador and dalmatian and he is almost 12 years old but apart from a few joint problems recently he does not act like an old dog and still enjoys playing and his walks so with the nice weather it was lovely to be able to take him out for his walks each day as a family.

I was looking forward to coming back into school as it is nice to be with people I had not seen in quite a while and also nice to get back into a routine although my job is slightly different from before. As many of you are probably aware the library forms part of the Year 7 bubble and is needed as a classroom for the time being so it cannot open as usual at the moment. We have been thinking of lots of ways we can let you have access to all of our lovely books and to carry on with the competitions and themed activities that form part of our usual library day and we have quite a few ideas, some of which we can start straight away, like this newsletter and some we hope to be able to do soon.

This newsletter is going to be sent out every two weeks and although we have lots of ideas for things to go in it we would very much like to hear back from all of you. We are looking for articles of things you have done or achieved over the last 6 months, book recommendations or reviews, jokes, brainteasers or anything else you think other students would like to read about.

You can either email me [susan.simkins@notleyhigh.com](mailto:susan.simkins@notleyhigh.com) or Mrs Osborn [katrina.osborn@notleyhigh.com](mailto:katrina.osborn@notleyhigh.com) with your ideas or articles, book reviews etc. Help us to keep you all in touch with the library.

Mrs S Simkins



**A picture of Jaspa just chilling in the sunshine**



# COMPETITION TIME! JOKING AROUND

We all like jokes don't we, even the cheesy ones out of the Christmas crackers so you will see below 11 jokes and their punchlines but they have been split up and your challenge is to match them back up again.

Simply pair up the joke and their punchline and email to either Mrs Simkins or Mrs Osborn but be careful as there may be more punchlines than there are jokes!! There will be House points and prizes up for grabs. Good luck!

**Which letter is the coolest?**

**It gets wet**

**What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?**

Nothing, he gave a little wine.

**How do we know that the ocean is friendly?**

Nothing it just waved

**What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?**

**What did the grape say when he was pinched?**

**What did one DNA strand say to the other?**

No, because they're always in school!

**It gets toad**

**Swimming trunks!**

Because they make up everything

**Does my bum look big in these genes?**

Why can't you trust an atom?

Do fish go on vacation?

**It waves!**

She kept running away from the ball

**Iced T**

A bat

What happens when you throw a green rock into the Red Sea?

What animal is always at a baseball game?

**Why couldn't Cinderella play soccer?**



## RECIPE SLOT

I know some of you were able to try your hand at baking when you were at home over the last few months so we thought we would include some recipes in our newsletter that you may like to try. We are starting with a recipe from the **“Roald Dahl cookbook”** which we hope you will like. If you would like to send us photos of your finished cakes we will put some of these in future newsletters and you will receive House points and maybe even a prize for the best looking ones!

### You will need:

- 90g of Rice Krispies
- 100g of milk or dark chocolate
- 50g of butter
- 20 medium sized cupcake cases
- 3 tablespoons of golden syrup

### Hairy Scary Beard Cups - *The Twits*



Chocolate, orange, and green sprinkles  
One pack of gummy worms, with each worm cut in half

1. Place Rice Krispies into a humungous bowl.
2. Melt chocolate and butter in a saucepan over a low heat.
3. Add the golden syrup and stir well
4. Allow to cool for approximately 10 minutes.
5. Pour the mixture onto the Rice Krispies and stir
6. Evenly scoop the Rice Krispies into cupcake cases and decorate with your favourite gummy worms, spiders and whatever creepy crawly takes your fancy into the mixture and allow to set in the fridge.

**Bookbuzz**

**FREE BOOK FOR EVERY YEAR 7!**

The Notley library is pleased to announce that every student in Year 7 will be able to choose a FREE book from the Bookbuzz scheme, which will be a Christmas gift from the library! There are 17 fantastic titles to choose from, something for everyone! The books have been selected by an expert panel of librarians, teachers and children's booksellers.

During tutor time and English lessons this week, you will be shown a special film about Bookbuzz and you will find out about all the titles that are on offer. Your teachers will be giving you a special Bookbuzz bookmark from 28 September so you can choose your FREE book. Full details of this will be emailed to you and the bookmarks will be collected in by the library. Check out the Bookbuzz student zone via the following link:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/>

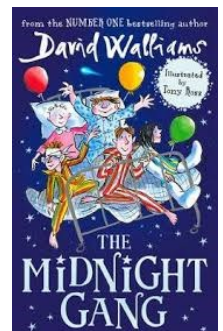
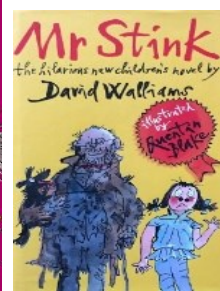
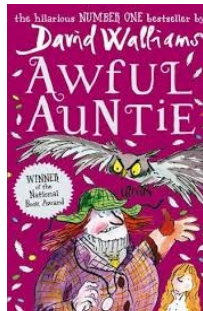
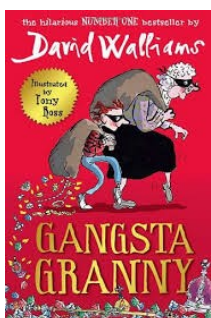
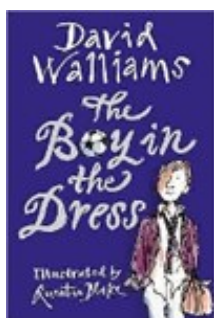


**HAPPY CHOOSING!**



# AUTHOR OF THE MONTH - DAVID WALLIAMS!

1. He was born David Edward Williams in 1971, the son of a London Transport engineer and a lab technician. He grew up in Banstead, Surrey.
2. He graduated from the University of Bristol with a BA in Drama in 1992.
3. During university holidays, he performed with the National Youth Theatre, where he met future comedy collaborator and friend, Matt Lucas.
4. Aged 24, his first job in showbiz was writing for The Ant and Dec Show.
5. In 2006, he swam 21 miles across the English Channel in ten and a half hours, raising over 1.5 million pounds for Sport Relief.
6. In 2011, he swam a mammoth 140 miles down the River Thames, raising over 2.5 million pounds for Sport Relief. In an awesome act of heroism, he saved a labrador from drowning in the process! However, he also injured himself pretty badly during the swim, and had to have emergency back surgery in late 2013.
7. Two of David's boyhood heroes are Roald Dahl and James Bond. He has presented TV documentaries about their lives.
8. His debut children's novel, *The Boy in the Dress*, features a young boy named Dennis, a fashion fan who loves to dress in girls' clothes. David himself was dressed up by his sister as a child, and has cross-dressed in many roles throughout his acting career.
9. His books have often been compared to those of Roald Dahl, David Walliams's literary idol. David's first two books, *The Boy in the Dress* and *Mr Stink*, were illustrated by Roald Dahl's brilliant illustrator, Quentin Blake.
10. David would love to go to Narnia, from the book series "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe", and have lots of adventures there.
11. He is also one of the hosts on Britain's Got Talent and enjoys annoying Simon Cowell.





## LIBRARY CATCH-UP-MRS OSBORN

Well, it's all been a bit strange, hasn't it? Although I have missed all your cheeky faces, I have used my time wisely and have filled my days with lots of lovely things to keep me occupied. Early in lockdown my son recommended "Duolingo", it has been years (and I do mean years!) since I last learnt a language, in fact it was here at Notley back in the... (err, actually I'm not going to tell you!) when I last learnt a language. I have enjoyed learning French again, I have learnt 507 new words—apparently! It is good fun and I would highly recommend it. I was able to spend some time on lots of craft projects and was able to try out some new skills, including screen printing, which I enjoyed enormously. Obviously Mrs Simkins and I kept working hard on coming up with new ideas for the library and we hope that this new newsletter will be the first of many things to come to keep the library in the forefront of your minds, even if we can't see you all in person at the moment.

The best thing for me during the last 6 months has been spending all my weekends and holidays working in my garden. I haven't got a very big garden but I love it, and have a small vegetable plot which I have loved and nurtured every day. In April I went a bit mad and gathered up all the old packets of seeds I could find lying around the house and decided to plant everything! The result was my utility room where I grew my seeds resembled a jungle! I grew tomatoes, courgettes, rainbow chard, sweetcorn, green beans, yellow beans, beetroot, sunflowers and, my pride and joy, Sugar Baby watermelons. I am very excited about these as when they grow, in order to support them, you have to make a hammock for them! It has been wonderful to watch everything grow and my family have enjoyed eating it all (even the courgette cake!)



**My prize winning Sugar Baby watermelon!**

As Mrs Simkins said, this newsletter will be a regular two weekly feature, do get involved and if you have ideas or articles, book reviews etc that you would like us to include you can either email me [katrina.osborn@notleyhigh.com](mailto:katrina.osborn@notleyhigh.com) or [susan.simkins@notleyhigh.com](mailto:susan.simkins@notleyhigh.com)

Keep in touch with the library—we miss you lots. Mrs K Osborn

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