

Welcome to the second edition of Libberton's Reading Newsletter. We have been very busy over the last few weeks enjoying world book day and a very special visit to Wiston Primary to meet Ross MacKenzie – one of our favourite authors. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and members of the local community for joining us for our reading picnic – the children had a great afternoon. In this month's edition we have book recommendation from Claire Bleakley, Children's Assistant at Biggar Library and Millie from Atkinson-Pryce Bookshop in Biggar. The work in our playground is progressing and are looking forward to our outdoor reading space being finished soon.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

We had lots of fun on World Book Day! We enjoyed a themed lunch, made stick puppets, read with our buddies, watched and an author's live even. Our book tokens were exchanged for some lovely books which Millie from Atkinson-Pryce book shop brought along. In the afternoon we were joined by parents and members of the local community for a reading picnic. The children read books and shared stories with our visitors.



Book Recommendation – *The Land of Stories* by Chris Colfer

Recommended by Claire Bleakley, Children's Assistant, Biggar Library

The Wishing Spell is the first book of the series and a great read. If you like traditional fairy tales with a twist, then this book is for you! Chris Colfer is an up-and-coming author, and his stories are as magical as Narnia and as clever as Harry Potter. The series follow the adventures of Alex and Cooper Bailey, twelve-year-old twins who are whisked away, unexpectedly into the Land of Stories. Here they meet a frog prince and a rebel goldilocks who help them on their quest to find the objects needed for a Wishing Spell to get them back home. Along the way they have battle with the Evil Queen and the Big Bad wolf gang. There are good twists and turns, and the twins soon learn that not everyone's story is as it seems. I can't wait to read the book 2!



Author Visit – Ross MacKenzie

We were very excited to be invited to go along to Wiston Primary to meet Ross MacKenzie the author of some of our favourite books, *The Nowhere Emporium* and *The Elsewhere Emporium*. He came to chat with the children and answer their many and varied questions. Ross shared extracts from his latest book *'The Colour of Hope'*. The children and adults were inspired by Ross's journey to become a well-known writer and winner of many awards.



Guess the Reader

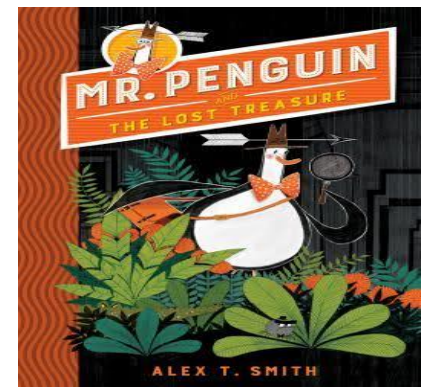
The children enjoyed guessing who our mystery reader was last month. Well done if you guessed correctly, it was Mrs Forster! Can you guess who this month's mystery reader is?



Book Recommendation – *Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure* by Alex T Smith

Recommended by Millie, Atkinson-Pryce Books, Biggar

Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T Smith - slapstick humour, mystery, and adventure for early readers. It is fully illustrated so bridges the gap between picture books and reading books beautifully. We love this series.



Book Recommendation By Rosie Todd P7

Title: Shadowsmith

Author: Ross Mackenzie

After visiting Ross Mackenzie, I was inspired to read one of his books.

Even though I'm a few pages in I want to know what happens next. I like this book because there are spiders, witches, and magic. This book is kind of scary and no pictures.

Happy reading!





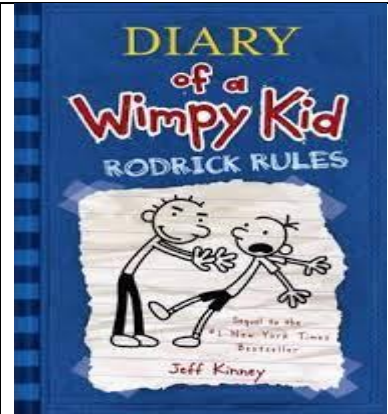
Book Recommendation

By Alfie Storry P3

Title: Diary of a Wimpy Kid:
Rodrick Rules

Author: Jeff Kinney

I like Jeff Kinney's books, and this is my favourite because Gregg's older brother Roderick controls him for the day. I would recommend this for older brothers and sisters.



USEFUL LINKS

World Book Day Website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

Reading Schools Website: <https://www.readingschools.scot/>

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The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
LEARN,
the MORE places you'll go.

