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THE LIBRARY MONTHLY

Book Fair Success!

This month's Scholastic book fair was a huge success with lots of students from across the school getting involved, coming to check out the books and buying their favourites. Top choices were the Five nights at Freddy's series, Percy Jackson and a number of crime thrillers! All the sales mean we managed to raise over £300 worth of rewards to use with Scholastic to purchase new books for the library. Look out in the new year for a whole range of new books to appear!

Cosy Christmas reads

Imagine this: It's Christmas Eve and after receiving a brand new book from your family, you cozy up in your favorite reading nook or in front of the fire with a mug of hot chocolate and spend the rest of the evening reading. That's exactly how Christmas is celebrated in Iceland each year. This tradition is known as *Jolabokaflo*d, which translates roughly to "Christmas book flood". *Jolabokaflo*d started during the second World War, when paper was one of the few things not rationed in Iceland, so Icelanders gave books as gifts while other commodities were in short supply, turning them into a country of bookaholics to this day. Ever since 1944, the Icelandic book trade has sent out a book bulletin to each household in the middle of November and people use this catalogue to order books to give to their friends and family on Christmas Eve. After all the presents are open, everyone grabs a cup of hot chocolate and cozies up to spend the rest of the evening reading their books.



Dates to note this month:

Advent begins
1st Dec



Christmas jumper day
7th Dec



Jane Austen day
16th Dec

Winter Solstice
21st Dec

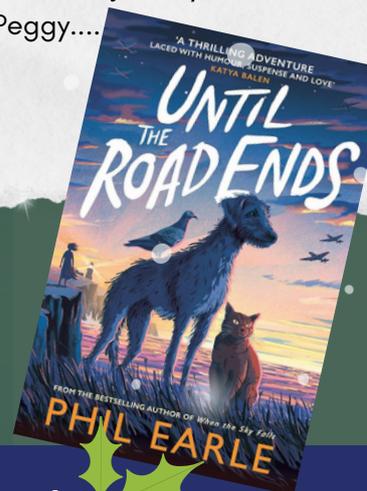


Christmas Eve, Christmas Day
and Boxing Day
24th, 25th, 26th Dec

Book of the Month

Until the Road Ends
by Phil Earle

When Peggy saves a stray dog from near-death, a beautiful friendship begins. Nothing can come between them - until war is declared. Peggy is evacuated to safety, but Beau is left behind in London, where he becomes the most unexpected of war heroes. Night after night as bombs rain down and lives are destroyed, Beau searches the ruins of the city, rescuing countless survivors. But then Beau must set off on an incredible journey to find his beloved Peggy...



If this sounds like an ideal way to spend Christmas Eve with your family, here's a little bit of book inspiration. Fan of a mystery? Try **The Ministry of Unladylike Activity** and help May, Eric and Nuala discover a Nazi spy and solve a murder. Love a feel good romance? Try **P.S I Still Love You** and jump into the love life of Lara Jean and her letters. Or to get fully into the festive spirit why not try the hilarious new book **Virtually Christmas** where Christmas is run by robots and ZoneDrones. Find out if Etta and her friend Monty can bring back a traditional Christmas and save Santa! Whatever you choose enjoy the festive period with a good read!



Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!