

## Library Report Sept 2013 to May 2014

New stock was purchased to meet the requirements of the new literacy drive and all first years' students have a timetabled "reading for leisure" class in the library with associated activities every week. I would encourage you to take a look at your daughter's reading journal and offer lots of encouragement plus opportunities to read.

In **October** a fun quiz was held for all first year students to help them settle in and get to know one another and their new surroundings. Congratulations to all who took part including our winners. 1<sup>st</sup> Megan Rogers Rang Aibhle. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jade Ploeg Rang Bronagh 3<sup>rd</sup> Vicki Stacgura Rang Bronagh, 4<sup>th</sup> Francesca Mangan Rang Bronagh. 5<sup>th</sup> Emma Bathe Rang Bronagh and 6<sup>th</sup> Elaine Moynihan Rang Ailbe.

On Oct 16<sup>th</sup> Mr David Hurley organised a **Maths Quiz** in the library to celebrate **Maths Week**. Our thanks to Mr Hurley and to all the students who participated and congratulations to the winners.

To celebrate **Halloween** the students decorated the library and arranged a Spooky Book display. Ms Catherine McGrory organised a *"Write Your Own Spooky Poem/Story"* competition for first year students and the 10 finalists read their poems/stories in the library. Our judges selected four winners: Congratulations to the winners. Lidusa Nagyova Rang Enda, Bróna Nic Gabhann Rang Donal, Sophie Smartt Rang Bronagh, Ava Caffrey Rang Ailbhe.

In Nov. the library hosted a visit from the author **Ms Aubrey Flegg** and he read the first chapter of his historical novel **The Cinnamon Tree** about the dreadful effects of land mines in Africa, to all first year students and presented a slide show presentation of his visit to Africa. This was followed a very successful and enjoyable question and answer session.

Also in Nov Ms Mary Byrne held a **Science Quiz** to celebrate **Science Week** in the library. It was very successful and enjoyable. Our thanks to Ms Mary Byrne and all students who participated. Congratulations to the winners: Rebecca Mulhal, Rang Bronagh and Tamara McCabe, Rang Enda.

Our **School Library Book Club** had its first meeting in November and Ms Lynch chaired it. Lidusa Nagyova Yr 1 Rang Enda was elected secretary. Meetings are held every Thursday when students come to the school library to share their ideas on books they are currently reading. They have their lunch, meet other students and an enjoyable time is had by all. Membership is free and open to all students.

In **December** the students had a lovely relaxing time decorating the library for the festive season. Refreshments were served. Lots of ideas are available for selecting books as Christmas gifts through our recommended reading list available from the school library on request. We hope all students enjoyed our **Christmas Book Display**.

**On March 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrated World Book Day.**

The activities included: **Book Cover** competition, Drop **everything and read lesson**, a **creative writing workshop** given by Ms T. McKenna, a **live broadcast** of tips and tricks from writers for first year students and some students dressed up as characters from their favourite books and prizes were given to the most creative homemade costumes. €1 will be collected from each student on the day to raise money for Book Aid International. With thanks to staff of the English Department who organised all these activities.

The end of year party and presentation to the library monitors that are leaving us was on Friday 16th. We thank them for all they contributed to the running and functioning of the school library. They have been very generous with their time, obliging and always pleasant and wonderful with the younger readers. They were presented with New bridge pendants by the Principal, Ms. Caroline O'Reilly.

Orla Reilly, Grace Monahan, Christine Monahan and Mollie Farrelly. We will miss them enormously and wish them every success in the L.C. and every happiness in the future. We thank Lidusa Nagyova, Rang Enda, for all her help as a library monitor and look forward to working with her in September.