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Primary Library Newsletter

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Librarian's Message:

Welcome to a new school year in the Primary Library!

Over the summer, our Primary Library underwent an exciting renovation, and it has been a real pleasure to welcome students back into a refreshed and modernized space. The updated library has been designed to inspire curiosity and provide comfortable areas for enjoying books.

Seeing the students' excitement as they enter the space and share their reading discoveries has been one of the highlights of the beginning of the school year.

As always, the library remains a place where every child can find stories, information, and inspiration. I look forward to supporting our young readers and helping them embark on many literary adventures throughout the year.

Mrs. Wolffe
SCHOOL LIBRARIAN





Borrowing rules



Each Primary class has a weekly library lesson during which students can borrow Library books or engage in Literacy activities.

- **Lower Primary students can borrow one book for a period of one week.**
- **Upper Primary students can borrow two books for a period of two weeks.**
- **Fiction books are the only materials available for renewal.**
- **Fines and penalties: no fines are charged for overdue books; however, replacement fees are charged for lost or damaged books.**



Spotlight on:

TUMBLE BOOK LIBRARY

TumbleBookLibrary has over 1100 titles for Grades K through 6, and includes unique animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books and videos, curated playlists, as well as books in Spanish and French. Plus, the collection features graphic novels – a student favourite!

Access TumbleBookLibrary and other Primary digital resources **here**

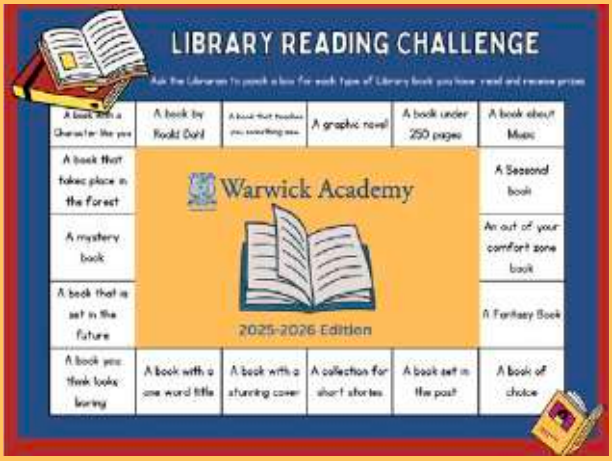
Seasonal reading:

Halloween picks available at the Library



Reading beyond one's comfort zone:

An Upper Primary library reading challenge, was introduced in few years ago to encourage students to venture outside their comfort zone and read a variety of genres.
We are repeating the experience with new books to explore and exciting new prizes to win.
Please see punch Reading Challenge Card below:



Although this challenge is optional, many students have already decided to participate. They are prepared to comply with the following rules to complete the program:

- Taking care of one's card and remembering to bring it to the Library for each visit is part of the challenge. I will not replace any lost card.
- There is no time limit to complete the card. When completed, the student will receive a prize.
- Each box will be punched upon return of the qualifying book so that I can verify that the book was actually read.
- Picture books do not qualify for this challenge

Food for thought:



Why Freedom to Read Matters to Children

In giving children the freedom to choose what they read is one of the most powerful ways to encourage a lifelong love of books. Recent research shows that when young people select books that interest them, they not only improve as readers but also become more empathetic, thoughtful, and engaged learners. Choice allows children to discover new ideas, explore different perspectives, and connect reading to their own lives. A library filled with diverse books and opportunities for personal choice helps every child find the book that sparks curiosity and joy.

As librarians, teachers, and families, we foster every child's freedom to read by providing access to a rich and diverse collection of books and by encouraging curiosity, choice, and exploration. When children are free to choose their books, they are more likely to become enthusiastic readers who read not because they have to, but because they want to. That love of reading can last a lifetime.



For more information read the full Children's Right to Read report.

What book has your child enjoyed reading recently? And what made it special?