

Spring Term 2015 Review

Events

- The highlight of the term was Book Week, which had a non-fiction focus. Bali Rai, our Patron of Reading, did three sessions on Creative Writing which went down incredibly well. There were competitions and quizzes every other day, as well as a week-long quiz. The quizzes were linked to subjects, specifically: Spanish, Maths, Geography and PE. There was good engagement across the Year 7s, but not as many Year 8s took part as I had hoped.

Displays

- LGBT History Month
- Tenacity
- Reading more obscure books
- Hans Christian Andersen.

Borrowing

- The library loaned an average of 25 items per day for the Spring Term, the total loaned being 1350 books.
- The differences in lending when comparing gender are minimal, with boys slightly behind the girls in Year 8, but slightly ahead in Year 7.
- Year 8 have borrowed significantly less books this term than in the same period last year. This may be because the books they are choosing are longer, or more challenging, or it may just be that they are more secure in their book choices and not therefore changing them as often. There was also an extra week in the Spring term last year.

Usage

- Data has been analysed regarding the number of pupils who attend homework club after school. The averages across the week for the period from October to March range from 35.0 to 16.8. The most popular day is generally Monday, with attendance reducing over the week. Friday is the least busy day.

Teaching and Learning

- Library lessons take place every fortnight
- Information literacy sessions have taken place for Year 8
- The extended projects for Year 9 have been well received and have been seen to make a difference to the level of work contributed.

Professional Development

- I went to a sister school to assist in appointing a Librarian.
- I attended a SLG training session in Northamptonshire, which was highly informative, and has led to me going to meet a Librarian from Rushden in order to learn more about how he manages Information Literacy.
- I served as a judge for the School's Writing Competition which was Trust wide. Area Community Manager for Cambridgeshire and a previous Ofsted inspector were also judges.
- I attended the Cambridgeshire Secondary Schools Librarian Network.
- I also gave three talks to schools in Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire about being a CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway judge.

More information will be provided in person or in the annual report at the end of the year.