

Newsletter

Walsall Primary School Library of the Year

Issue 6

Pool Hayes Primary and Rushall Primary were joint winners of the School Library of the Year Award 2016.

They had to tell us about what makes a good School Library and why **their** school Library should win the prize.

The prize was sponsored by Walsall Schools Library Service and you can see the children from Pool Hayes (below left) collecting their prize of £50.00 worth of books for their School Library from SLSS.

Rushall Primary also won the same prize and you can see them accepting their award (below right) from Woody the Year of Reading mascot.

Pool Hayes Primary

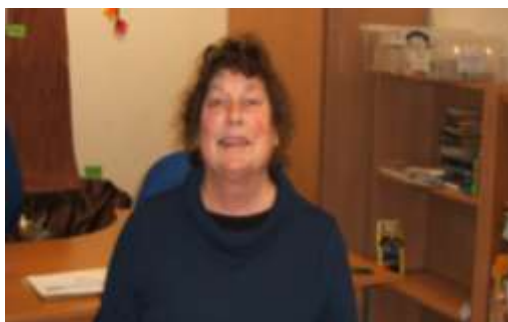


Rushall Primary



School Library Consultant Gill Breese Retires

After 42 years of service for Walsall Libraries Gill Breese has decided to take the plunge and retire from SLSS at the end of February this year. She has been an asset to SLSS moving around the Borough to different locations as we moved premises several times. Gill has been involved in many different projects over the years, including: The Greenaway Shadowing Award, book clubs, pupil librarian training, Listen Up, information skills sessions, talking to parents and teachers and many more along the way. We will all miss Gill's breadth of knowledge and experience.



BREAKING NEWS

- **National Book Tokens competition:** You will soon be receiving forms for a 'Design a National Book Token' competition. Please encourage your children to join in, closing date for entries is Friday 14th April 2017 and there are categories for children of all ages. The winning design will be made into a National Book Token gift card and will win book tokens for the schools and themselves.
- **Did you know you can buy Chatterbooks pack at a cost of £5.00 each from SLSS?** (Contains 1 each of the following: Bag, Pen, Roald Dahl reading diary, World of Norm reading diary, Wristband, Bookmark, Walsall Libraries Pencil) **Limited stocks available.**
- Just a reminder, could we ask all Schools to have their loans ready for collection by the **29th March 2017**. We had 35 schools not returning all of their loans on time. This meant that **66** resource loans did not get to schools for the beginning of term. The couriers will only call in once and if they are not ready, it will be expected that schools will make their own arrangements for return.



RE Curriculum Resources



If you want some support for the new RE curriculum here are a couple of boxes, that are still available, that you can borrow through SLSS. They are available today, so don't delay and get in touch.

ReadingZone World Book Day Picture Book Competition 2017

Children and young people aged 4 to 18 years are being challenged to make their own picture book on and around World Book Day with the launch of the **ReadingZone WBD Picture Book Competition 2017**. The competition was launched in January and will run in homes, schools and libraries until Saturday 22nd April, winners will be announced in June 2016.

Picture books entered for the award can be made by individuals and groups and any media can be used. Each picture book can be up to 24 A4 pages.

Each winning individual, school or library will receive 50 printed copies of their picture book; a selection of picture books or fiction titles; and a free author / illustrator visit will be given to the overall winner.

Visit www.Readingzone.com for further tips, guidelines and entry details.

Full Details:
<http://www.sla.org.uk/blg-readingzone-world-book-day-picture-book-competition-2017.php>

SLSS Training

Enrol by sending a purchase order to SLSS.
All training can also be delivered in school. Please ask for costs.

15 March 2017	Book/reading clubs and book promotion
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At Manor Farm Centre from 1.30 to 3.30pm

£60 for subscribing schools

£85.00 for schools who do not subscribe to Walsall SLSS

Free courses: 'Bookable Resources' awareness sessions

At Manor Farm Centre

Times are 4.00pm – 5.00pm

8 March 2017 and 14 June

Please let us know if you intend to come to either session.

Book Information

- **Favourite books in Walsall Schools**

Stoke Public Libraries asked children, parents and practitioners across Stoke-on-Trent to vote for their favourite 100 books to read before you leave primary school

(http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0003/5887/Stoke_100_Reads.pdf).

We would like to ask Walsall schools to do something similar. We want class teachers to ask their class for their favourite book and then for teachers to also tell us the book they have enjoyed most sharing with their class. Each entry would go into a prize draw with a prize of £50.00 of books for their School Library. An entry form is attached to this newsletter.

Closing date is 14th April 2017.

We will then compile a list of favourites and send it to schools in the Summer Term

- Termly booklist "Well Worth Reading"-our choice of the best recently published books. Next one due February 2017
- Look out for our latest booklist: "Books to read before you are 10 ¾."

Greenaway 2017 Key dates

Longlist announcement:

Thursday 16 February 2017

Shortlist announcement:

Thursday 16 March 2017

Winners announcement:

Monday 19 June 2017