

Newsletter

Issue 7

Author Ian Whybrow visits Walsall Schools



Walsall Wood

Children at Walsall Wood and Pinfold Street Schools were very excited when famous children's author Ian Whybrow paid them a visit on 30th & 31st March 2017.

The visits were organised by Walsall Schools Library Support Service with the aim of making the children aware of the importance of reading, sharing books and to improve literacy, especially amongst reluctant readers. Ian Whybrow said: "My aim is to encourage mucking about with language and coming at things from interesting angles."

Vicki Hardy, **Reading Recovery Teacher Leader** at Walsall Wood Primary said: "The children had read some of Ian's books for World Book Day, so they had plenty of questions for him!"

During his visit the children all had the opportunity to get books signed at the end of each session.



Pinfold Street

History repeating itself!

We have recently reorganised our historical themed fiction into a new section arranged in chronological order. This makes historical fiction titles easy to access and borrow. Historical fiction is a wonderful resource to support wider reading and historical topics.

Mr Geoff Headley of Delves Junior recently visited SLSS to handpick a selection of historical fiction for his Year 5 class. He said "Historical fiction books are really useful and I have used them for guided reading, to enhance literacy, and to provide a link across the subjects".

BREAKING NEWS

- We still have a range of book boxes, resources, sets of 15 and 20 on a topic boxes for loan this term, so please contact us for their availability. You can borrow materials mid-term if you find you need support within school. Just give us a call!
- **It's that time again! Your School Library Consultants will be contacting you to arrange your annual visit. Our SLC's Christine, Elaine, Elizabeth & Sonia look forward to seeing you soon to discuss how SLSS can help fill your literacy & resource needs!**
- Did you know you can purchase books through SLSS? We offer up to 20% discount and all items are jacketed and complete with stickers to match your library books.
- **Just a reminder, could we ask all schools to have their loans ready for collection by the 17th July 2017. 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-allocation of School Library Consultants

We have taken the opportunity of the retirement of Gill Breese as a School Library Consultants to re-allocate the work of School Library Consultants so that assigned schools match the Children's Services – Education Walsall School & Academy Clusters. You will receive a letter introducing you to your new consultant and they will be contacting you to arrange annual visits.

Soroptomist International of Walsall Creative Writing Competition 2017!

Soroptomist International of Walsall & SLSS invite year 5 pupils to submit a piece of creative writing on **one** of these topics:

My Best Friend, Superheroes and Castles

Entries should be no more than 450 words and can be handwritten or typed. Entries to be sent to Walsall SLSS, the closing date is 18th June 2017.

There will be a presentation ceremony for winners and guests.

Prizes of book vouchers for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Prize!

Entry forms have been sent out to schools, phone us for more information.

SLSS Training

**Free course: 'Bookable Resources' awareness sessions with Jean Shaw
At SLSS Manor Farm Centre**

14th June 2017 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Please let us know if you intend to attend.



Our new Box of Bones & Carnival resource boxes

Book Information

- The much loved series "Winnie & Wilbur" have had a spellbinding new look. To celebrate we are launching a competition for KS1 children. Please encourage your children to join in by colouring in the attached entry form and completing Winnie's empty speech bubble. Closing date is Friday 16th June 2017 and there are prizes of Winnie & Wilbur books for 3 lucky winners! Winnie & Wilbur have been delighting readers since 1987 and over 7 million books have been sold worldwide in more than 30 languages. Check out www.winnieandwilbur.com for lots of magical activities!
- **Look out for our Termly booklist "Well Worth Reading" - our choice of the best recently published books.**
- Look out for our latest booklist focusing on award winning author **Chris Riddell**. To celebrate our book list we have a signed copy of "Ottoline at sea" for one lucky winner! If you wish to enter send 1 email per school to slss@walsall.gov.uk

MLS User Group for Junior Librarian/ Eclipse

Thursday 25th May

10.00-11.00 am Junior Librarian

11.15 am -12.30pm Junior Librarian.net & Reading Cloud

2.00-3.15 pm Eclipse.net & reading cloud