



BRAESIDE READING NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year! Welcome back to Braeside's Reading Newsletter;

The one-stop-shop for all the latest book recommendations..

In these winter months, it is great to snuggle up with a good book. It is important to remember that engaging with books allows us to be transported to other places and worlds. We can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters or learn more about the world around us.

Please remember that we love to have pupil recommendations and book reviews, so please do not hesitate to share your recommended read with

Mrs Doss for February's issue.

Braeside January Reading Challenge

Explore a country that you would like to visit.

Read books set in your favourite country or one you have always wanted to explore. You could read novels, biographies of famous figures, history books or even poetry. By the time you've finished you won't even need to visit.

Please feel free to share your discoveries in our next reading newsletter.



EYFS Recommended Reads



If I were Prime minister by Trygve Skaug

With disarming frankness, a young boy gives his perspective on several things the grown-ups running the country could do differently.

His recommendations are both playful and profound. How much happier would we be if all the adults went to nursery once a month to remind themselves how to play? How much safer would we be if Christmas lights were left up all year round to light everyone's way home?

Gigantic by Rob Biddulph

Meet Gigantic, the smallest blue whale in the Atlantic. Dwarfed by the other whales, Gigantic keeps to himself, making new friends and perfecting his somersaults and flips in the bay.

But one day when Gigantic's brother, Titan, gets stuck on the sand, it's down to Gigantic and his smallest sea creature friends to save the day. Can they show it's possible to be tiny and tough?



Mamma's Sleeping Scarf by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

This beautiful family story follows a young girl called Chino as she plays with her mama's sleeping scarf through the day. Running with the scarf, Chino weaves together little incidentals of home life into a glorious celebration of the power of a mother-daughter relationship, and the gentle joys that build a perfect day.



Year 1 and 2 Recommended Reads



The Kindest Red By Ibtihaj Muhammad

The highly-anticipated sequel to *The Proudest Blue*. When Faizah's teacher asks her class to imagine what kind of world they want to live in Faizah imagines a world where everyone is kind to one another, and tries to create that world in the school playground. But what Faizah wants most is to be like her big sister, Asiya. Will Faizah's classmates repay her

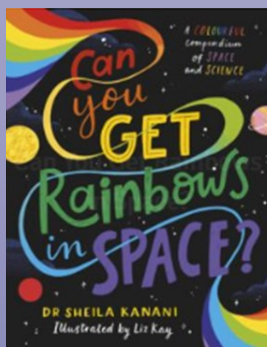
kindness and find a way for her to match Asiya in time for school photo day?

Emerald by Emily Mancaster

Emerald and the Ocean Parade: Emerald is learning how to be a mermaid princess, but she doesn't feel like one at all. She's not very good at waving to crowds, and royal headdresses just aren't her thing – her hair is too spiky and wild. Emerald's wriggly pet octopus, Inkibelle, doesn't much like living at the royal palace either. The annual Ocean Parade is coming up. Will Emerald be brave enough to be a mermaid princess but do it her own special way?



Year 3 and 4 Recommended Reads



Can you get rainbows in space? By Dr Sheila Kanani

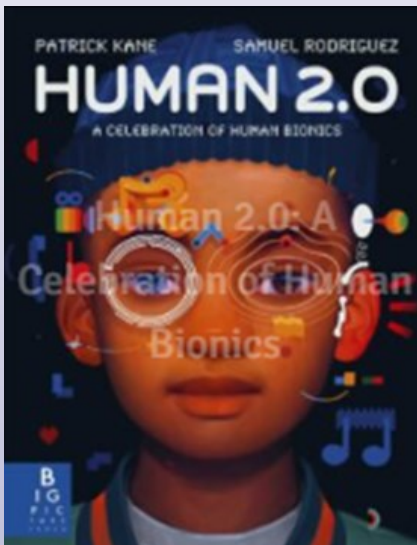
You'll discover the answers to these questions - and many more - in this incredible collection of scientific facts about colour. We'll talk about light (the most important thing) and waves (not the kind you see at the beach - though you will learn why the sea looks blue!). You'll find out how some animals are able to glow in the dark and how others change their colours to hide from predators. Keep reading to discover why leaves change colour in the autumn, why your veins look blue but your blood is red, and why the language we use shapes the colours we see . . .

Pizazz vs The Future by Sophy Henn

The sixth book in the SUPER graphic novel-like series for readers aged 7+ from the amazingly talented illustrator and author Sophy Henn! Brimming with Sophy's hilarious illustrations, this is the perfect read for fans of *Bunny Vs Monkey*, *Tom Gates*, *Amelia Fang*, *Wimpy Kid* and *Dog Man*.



Years 5 and 6 Recommended Reads

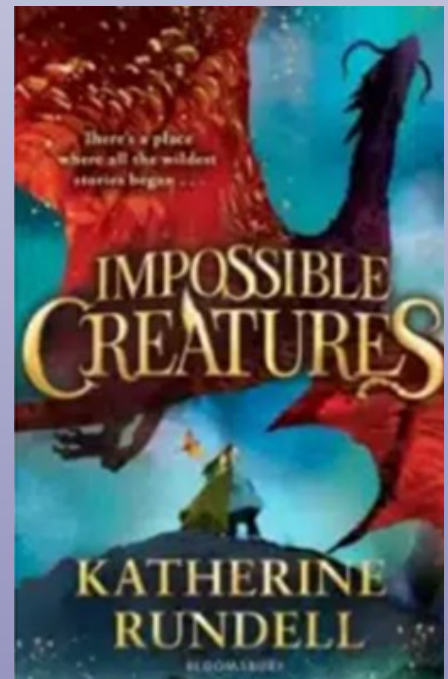


Human 2.0: A Celebration of Human Bionics By Patrick Kane

Imagine being able to hear for the first time, or see in full-colour, or take your first steps on Earth. This incredible book celebrates the remarkable achievements made in medical engineering, and offers a glimpse of what the future might hold for humanity.

Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell

A boy called Christopher is visiting his reclusive grandfather when he witnesses an avalanche of mythical creatures come tearing down the hill. This is how Christopher learns that his grandfather is the guardian of one of the ways between the non-magical world and a place called the Archipelago, a cluster of magical islands where all the creatures we tell of in myth live and breed and thrive alongside humans. They have been protected from being discovered for thousands of years; now, terrifyingly, the protection has worn thin, and creatures are breaking through.



Scrap by Guy Bass

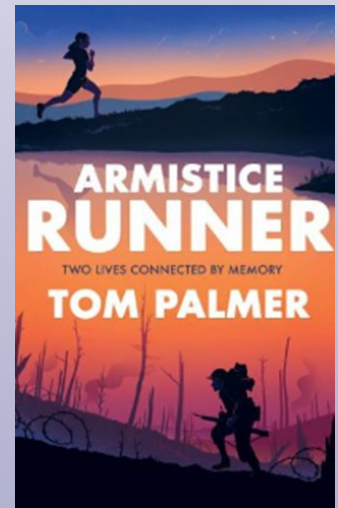
When the humans arrive on Somewhere 513, they discover that the robots sent to prepare the planet for Humanity's arrival have chosen to keep it for themselves. Only one robot remains loyal – K1-NG, aka King of the Robots. But even with the most powerful robot on their side, the outlawed humans don't stand a chance.

Years 7, 8 and 9 Recommended Reads



The Storm Runner by JC Cervantes

An engrossing and fast-paced debut fantasy story set in a world based on Mayan mythology. When Zane explores a dormant volcano instead of going to school, he finds a gateway to another world – a world of evil, danger and an imprisoned god. This is a real page-turner with a thrilling finale.



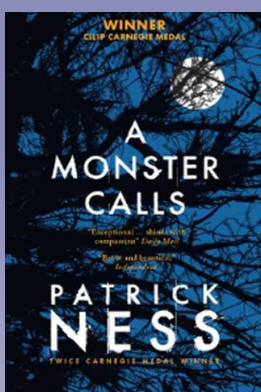
Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer

This a gripping and tense account of Lily's life dealing with her gran, who suffers from Alzheimer's, at the same time as connecting with her great-great-grandfather's inspirational war journals. An uplifting story of adversity.

Years 10 and 11 Recommended Reads

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

She came from nothing. Avery has a plan: keep her head down, work hard for a better future. Then an eccentric billionaire dies, leaving her almost his entire fortune. And no one, least of all Avery, knows why. They had everything. Now she must move into the mansion she's inherited. It's filled with secrets and codes, and the old man's surviving relatives - a family hell-bent on discovering why Avery got 'their' money. Now there's only one rule: winner takes all. Soon she is caught in a deadly game that everyone in this strange family is playing. But just how far will they go to keep their fortune?



A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.