

LIBRARY REPORT : TERM 2

What a busy term the second term has been! We celebrated books and reading by having a Book Week in May. This was launched in assembly by Greg Brown who told the boys about the Guest twins after whom the library was named. (See the June 2009 magazine for a detailed history of John and Melville Guest who attended Bishops in the 1930s.)

The week continued with a book sale held by *The Book People* in Jagger Hall. Their books were generally good and inexpensive so boys made the most of this opportunity. In home groups that week boys then discussed books and reading. Boys seem to enjoy telling their peers about books they have read. Not all boys enjoy reading so they also discussed this and heard why others do.

During Book Week we had a civvies day on which boys were encouraged to dress up as their favourite book characters. We had many James Bonds and Harry Potters and also many unusual characters as well. Money collected was used to buy books for St Paul's Primary School in Bokaap.



Throughout this period, boys took part in a reading challenge to read as many pages as they could. Prizes were awarded to the boy who read the most in each class and the class that read the most. Rahul Naidoo was the boy who read the most in the entire school (more than five thousand pages) and 5D was the winning class with over seventeen thousand pages.

At the same time boys made posters to decorate their classroom doors. Thank you to Sue Johns for inspiring and helping the boys in their art lessons to come up with ideas around the theme of *reading giving you wings*. A prize was awarded for the best door, with 4G winning the prize here.

To end off the readathon, a group of boys presented a play in assembly. It was the story called *Room on the Broom* in which Tina Sheard, one of our music teachers, played the witch and Michael Thompson played her dog, Andoni Buhler her bird and Jake Bennett her frog. Jamian Heesom-Baron was a fearsome dragon and Rahul Naidoo took the role of narrator.

Thanks to Den Fairall, Oliver Dyer, Andoni Buhler and Thomas Otten who enriched our two Book Week assemblies by presenting short talks on what reading means to them.

To round off the busy term eight of our boys took part in the termly interschools' literature quiz held at Springfield. Our teams comprising of Callum Bell, Craig Brown, Jamian Heesom-Baron, Graeme Irvine, James Irvine, Benson Joubert, Rahul Naidoo and Tom Vidal came fifth and sixth out of eighteen teams. We look forward to the Kids Lit Quiz next term in which a regional and then national winner will be decided.

Finally, congratulations to Graeme Irvine on winning the *Harry Potter Trophy* for service to the library this term.

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