



Claremont - Creating Readers

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A book is a gift you can open again and again. – Garrison Keillor

Welcome to Claremont – Creating Readers!

I am very pleased to report that, after a few technical glitches, our Library has been a hive of activity and our year 7s have been lucky enough to participate in the Bookbuzz. The Queen Bees, Mrs Powell and Mrs Folie, have worked tirelessly to make sure our enthusiastic readers – and the not so enthusiastic – will receive the book they chose before the end of this week. Year 7 parents, look out for those new books and feel free to ask questions about what your child is reading. I hope you will be impressed!



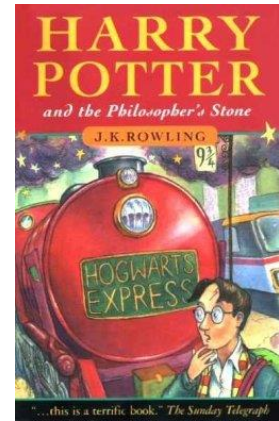
7.9 show off their free books!

Older students are again being challenged by the opportunity to take part in the Carnegie Award judging process. Please refer back to the July issue or <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/home/index.php> for more details.

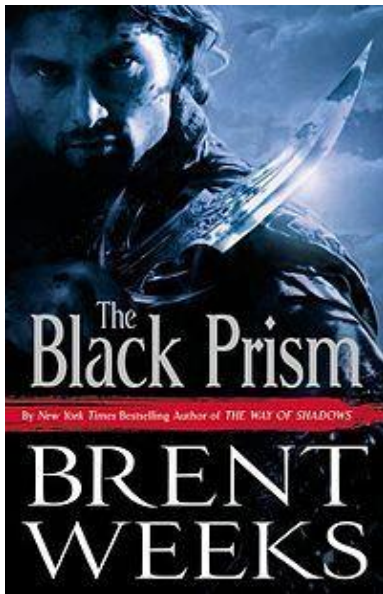
**Keep reading!
Ms Savinkina**

This month's featured book nominated by Mr Michaelides in the Business Department:

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by JK Rowling (1997)
Harry Potter is an ordinary boy who lives in a cupboard under the stairs at his Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon's house, which he thinks is normal for someone like him whose parents have been killed in a car crash. He is bullied by them and his fat, spoilt cousin Dudley, and lives a very unremarkable life with only the odd hiccup (like his hair growing back overnight!) to cause him much to think about. That is until an owl turns up with a letter addressed to Harry and all kinds of mayhem breaks loose! He is rescued by a world where nothing is as it seems and magic lessons are the order of the day. Read and find out how Harry discovers his true heritage at Hogwarts School of Wizardry and Witchcraft, the reason behind his parents' mysterious death, who is out to kill him, and how he uncovers the most amazing secret of all time, the fabled Philosopher's Stone! All this and muggles too.



The novel starts slowly on purpose to show how slow and ordinary Harry's life is. If you keep reading, you will discover far more than by simply watching the film!
Mr Michaelides



Older students may be interested in the works of American author Brent Weeks. As his heroes are 15 year old boys, it gives the young male reader a positive character to identify with. In 'Lightbringer' Kip is an overweight boy who was bullied when he was younger but eventually discovers that he has the power to bring nations together to end a war. It reminds me of a teenage version of 'Game of Thrones' - far more age appropriate! My 17 year-old son recommended it.

If you or your child would like to suggest a good read then I would be very happy to hear from you or them. I can be contacted on the school's email address.

Which poem will you be reading? A new poem or an old favourite?

Ask your child about poems they like or are studying.

Year 7 and 8 will be writing poems in English lessons on 8th October. Share and enjoy!

