



# St. Aubyn's School

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## Library Newsletter

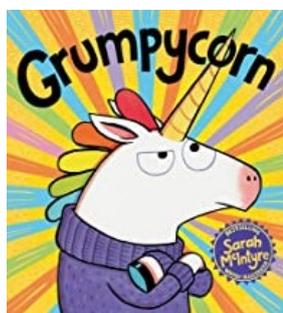
Lent Term  
March 2020

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Author, Jennifer Bell, visits St. Aubyn's

Free audio books from your public library



Library

opening times:

Before school,

every day:

8.30 - 8.45

Quick book change

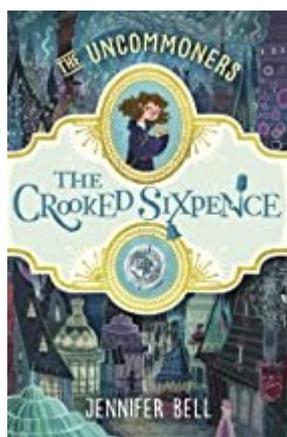
Pre Prep families only

School use only:

8.45 - 4.00

After school, Monday and Friday only:

4.00 - 5.00



Lent term is always the busiest time for the Library and 2020 has been no exception! Year 5 pupils have learnt about fake news in their taught Library lessons, defining what fake news is and really focusing on the trustworthiness of news found online and in social media. We have also investigated fake science and how hearsay and opinion can inform our beliefs.

Year 4 were introduced to the Reach for the Stars Reading Challenge which many pupils successfully completed, earning plenty of house points and proudly receiving certificates in assembly.

In Senior School library sessions, Mrs Anthony has been discussing current affairs with Year 6, running the St Aubyn's Graphic Novel Award with Year 7, and studying the Holocaust with Year 8 to support their literacy lessons.

Pupils in Middle School were able to enjoy a visit from author Jennifer Bell (p2) who was so engaging, we can barely keep her books on our shelves!

The highlight of the term was Book Week. Our whole school theme was bedtime stories and we all enjoyed dressing in onesies or pyjamas. The Library provided Middle and Senior School pupils with a Crime in the Library competition and Pre Prep children got creative with activities based on the picture book Grumpycorn by Sarah McIntyre (p3). The winners of this year's Senior School House Book Quiz were Grove with a massive 8 point lead!

Unfortunately, The Book Fair had to be cancelled at short notice this term because our suppliers, The Book People, unexpectedly went into administration. There will, however, be a Scholastic Book Fair at the end of the school year scheduled for Wednesday, 1 to Friday, 3 July and after the success of the first ever Senior School Book Fair, we will be inviting Book Wagon back for Seniors on Monday, 29 June. Please make a note in your diaries.

Wishing everyone a happy Easter holiday!

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## Author Visit

Author, Jennifer Bell, hosted an assembly and workshops for Middle School pupils based on her popular book series 'The Uncommoners'.

In her assembly, Jennifer shared the inspirations and processes behind her writing, delivered top tips for reluctant readers and empowered students to choose the right books for them. During the workshops, pupils discussed characteristics and then created their own 'uncommon' objects by assigning characteristics to everyday items.

Jennifer signed lots of books for enthusiastic pupils who are still talking about her visit weeks later!

Lego and Drawing Comics After School Activities were also inspired, creating uncommon sculptures and comics in their sessions too.



## Senior School Book Fair

Book Wagon visited Senior School pupils for the first ever Book Fair, specifically aimed at Years 6-8. Our visitors were knowledgeable and enthusiastic, creating a real buzz around reading. Pupils greatly enjoyed discovering all of the specially selected titles!



# Book Week 2020

## World Book Day - 5th March



Pupils and teachers alike embraced our whole school theme of bedtime stories for World Book Day and enjoyed the opportunity to come to school wearing pyjamas and onesies.



We began the day with a paired reading session as Middle and Senior School read favourite books and stories to pupils in Pre Prep and EYFS, and discussed what they liked most about World Book Day and sharing stories.



This was followed by assemblies featuring chocolate milk and cookies while watching 'The Biggest Book Show on Earth' and readings from authors on Authorfy.



A special thank you to our amazing catering staff for providing drinks and snacks for the event for all the delighted pupils!



## Grumpycorn

Children in EYFS and Pre Prep listened to the story of 'Grumpycorn' by Sarah McIntyre and took part in activities inspired by the book throughout the week! Nursery and Reception made their very own magical unicorn horns and Year 1 and 2 took part in a character draw along.



# Crime in the Library Event

Our Book Week event for Middle and Senior School pupils was revealed as a crime mystery to be solved!

There were a number of suspects under suspicion of stealing the Uncommon Library Award, presented to us by author Jennifer Bell during her visit.

Children had to work together to solve clues as a class Middle School, or as individuals in the Seniors, with a new clue every day. During the investigation, pupils were called on to research answers to questions that spelled out their first clue, compare fingerprints, investigate fabric torn from the guilty suspect's clothing as they made their escape and examine a pixelated image taken from CCTV of the guilty suspect as they fled the crime scene.

It was our most exciting event yet and children throughout the school were delighted to discover that Madame Goodey was the culprit and most of their conclusions were correct. Congratulations to winners 3SL, 4UM, 5SY, Poppy in 6NS, Afiya in 7FG and Mabel Shute in 8SS, who all received marvellously bookish prizes!

