

TOP READERS LAST YEAR

Here are the names of the students who read the most books whilst at La Retraite.

A huge thank you to:

1. Vanessa R (10 Simeon) 811 books
2. Olabisi S(13 Stober) 665 books
3. Tecia N(10 Simeon) 605 books
4. Bianca D (9 Wisdom) 539 books
5. Audrey D(9 Faith) 444 books
6. Delina P (12 Archie-Pearce) 422 books
7. Grace A(10 Maesta) 297 books
8. Jade P (8 Faith) 167 books
9. Alice G (7 Faith) 76 books
10. Emily W (7 Faith) 57 books

Well done and... keep reading!

FOLLOW US ONLINE

Here are some links to useful websites for reading and studying. We recommend its used to read book reviews, online novels, homework research, pictures and much more.

- La Retraite Library Website:

<http://www.laretraite.lambeth.sch.uk/109/library>

- The Reading Cloud:

<https://www.readingcloud.net/>

- VLE Books

<https://www.vlebooks.com/>

THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION

Answer these questions in a piece of paper and bring them to the library for the opportunity to get a prize. The winner will be announced in next month's newsletter!

QUESTIONS

1. Where is the world's smallest library?
2. Name the title of the world's longest book.
3. What is the country with the most libraries?

Don't forget to look for other competitions in the library: they will be coming soon!

LA RETRAITE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Students,

Welcome back to La Retraite, and a special, warm welcome to the new Year Sevens!

This is our brand new library newsletter made by us students, where we hope you will find inspiration on what to read and information on library activities you can be part of.

In each article you will discover more about the school library, our projects and competitions, and also accounts on library trips and events.

We really hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter and join in the fun.

Thank you all.

The Library Team.

QUICK READING CHOICES

Boy 2 Girl

The Wonder of Us

Truly Wildly Deeply

Heartless

Things a Bright Girl Can Do

Moonrise

It Only Happens in Movies

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

Eligible

This Must Be the Place



REVIEW OF THE MONTH - by Alice G, 7 Faith

I AM MALALA (Malala Yousafzai)

I am Malala tells a powerful and inspiring story: young yet determined Pakistani girl, Malala, fights for the education of young women like her in a country where going to school is not taken for granted. Malala, despite encountering numerous challenges during her school life, keeps going even when she is shot by the Taliban on her way from school. Today she has won the Nobel Peace Prize, and is demonstrating to the world the immense power of education, making sure that young girls are able to go to school.

I was truly stunned by this book, and think that more people should read Malala's story and be inspired to always stand up for their beliefs.

LIBRARY LUNCHTIME CLUBS

The school library offers a variety of clubs that you can take part of. Check out this year's fabulous timetable!

MONDAY - Drawing and Creative Writing Club

TUESDAY - Book Lunchtime Club

WEDNESDAY - Film Lunchtime Club

THURSDAY - Embroidery Lunchtime Club

FRIDAY - Games Lunchtime Club

(Days may be subject to changes)

NEW INITIATIVES

This year the library has proposed various new activities and projects: Embroidery and Creative Writing clubs will run throughout the year, and, of course, our recycling project too.

We have been creating new, unique displays in the library and a range of competitions. And, last but definitely not least, the library newsletter has been our most recent idea; we believe that it will help students get to know the library and join in its activities, as well as enjoy reading this month's latest updates.

THE LIBRARY RECYCLING PROJECT

To ensure that we live in a safe, clean environment we have to be mindful of the impact our actions have on the planet. It all starts with small, everyday things, from recycling paper and plastic in our classrooms to minimising resource waste at home.

As La Retraite is a Catholic school, caring for our planet - God's creation - is a great way of acting justly and within the Gospel values, not only towards nature, but also towards ourselves and the future generations.

This is why the library has started its very own recycling project, which you can take an active role in, helping the school become a sustainable environment.

The only thing you have to do is try to recycle as much as possible in the library: prizes will be awarded to the most 'green' students! Fun recycling games and competitions will also be organised.



QUOTES OF THE MONTH

'Be who you were created to be and you will set the world on fire.' (St Catherine of Siena)

'If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.' (Martin Luther King Jr.)

'Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.'

THE GERMANY EXCHANGE PROJECT

This year students from different year groups will be participating to an exchange programme with German pupils. We will write letters to each other every month and, in March, they will come to London, and we are organizing a trip to Germany in June.

The programme will be a fantastic opportunity for us to learn German and the culture and traditions of another country, and it will open up new paths in our lives.

This is why we are trying to raise money for our project. We will organize various events and activities throughout the school year so that you can support us whilst hopefully having a good time.

We will of course advertise all our activities and let you know about days and venues, so please do look out for them in the library and our school.

On a final note, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Jarrett, who has put a lot of effort into making this happen.

My personal thanks also go to all of those who will support us during our project.

Thank you so much.

Alice.

