

Friday May 27 2022

This half term may have been short, but we have managed to pack in a lot of achievements and activities into the past 5 weeks! We hope you all have a restful half-term and enjoy the Jubilee celebrations and we look forward to seeing all our students back refreshed for the final half-term of the academic year.

## Fundraising for Ukraine



We'd like to offer a special congratulation to **Immi in year 8** who has single handedly raised over £200 for the UNHCR to support their work with Ukrainian refugees.

Immi made ribbons in the blue and yellow colours of Ukraine and sold them to friends, family and the Sackville Community.

Well done – we know the money will be well received.

## Eid al-Fitr



**Sackville's wonderful canteen staff** served up something special in celebration of the end of Ramadan: Eid al-Fitr – delicious samosas and rice.

Eid al-Fitr marks the end of the fasting period during which Muslims all around the world fast for 30 days from dawn to dusk, an act of deep personal worship to strengthen their relationship to Allah (God Almighty).

The sumptuous food was accompanied by fun factfiles detailing the reason and importance of this tradition, along with an Eid-themed wordsearch!



This celebration was made possible by both the Diversity and Equality Group, who encourage cultural education throughout the school, and the Canteen staff, who turned the idea into a reality, thank you!



**Furthermore**, to celebrate the end of Ramadan, staff member, **Ms Salma Rahman**, prepared the most amazing Eid feast for the Sackville staff! Salma also took the opportunity to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust, a charity close to Sackville's heart. This charity does invaluable work and we are really pleased to announce that Salma has raised £200.23. Well done Salma!



## Hospitality and Catering

How about getting our **year 9 hospitality students** round to help with the jubilee street parties?

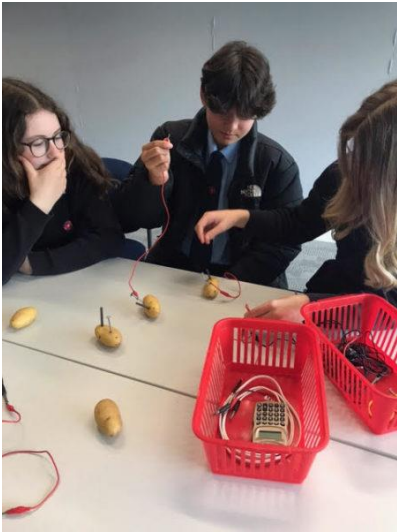
These cakes, are fit for royalty indeed. Well done to the three winning creations (indicated with the medal) from **Shane**, **Imogen** and **Emily & Hannah**.





## A Trip to the University of Sussex

A group of **Year 7 and 8 students** recently had the opportunity to visit the University of Sussex in Falmer. The students were chosen so that they could experience a variety of different subjects that are studied at university.



They were initially greeted in one of the numerous lecture rooms on campus, where they were introduced to their guides for the day, and were shown a short presentation about university life and campus orientation.

From there they had two University-style lessons; one on electronics where they learnt how electricity is produced and got the chance to build their own batteries using potatoes and different metals. Secondly they had a Philosophy lesson where they debated several moral dilemmas.

After an excellent lunch they were taken to a Medicine lesson where they learnt about X rays, studied chest X-rays and came up with a diagnosis on the medical trauma that had occurred.



A fantastic day was had by all and the students represented Sackville School admirably.

Special thanks goes to Mrs Smith for organising and taking the students to the university.



# Learning and Resource Centre (LRC)

Article by Mrs Rose

At the start of term, I started running a reading group for **year 9 students** following the *Carnegie* book awards. The shortlisted books are a good mix of titles, which I think, will be enjoyed by the students. If any other students would like to come along to the meetings then there is still time. The reading group meets at registration on Tuesday morning in the LRC. (Biscuits are on offer too!)

After Easter I ran a tutor group competition “Bateman vs Shakespeare”, to celebrate the life of Shakespeare over 400 years ago! Students had to guess who said the quotes listed. It caused some great debates at tutor time, so I’m told. The winner was 9KPE who got a bag of sweets as a prize to share in the form. Thank you to all those who entered.



I have also been busy training a group of students to become library monitors. This has been a bit difficult given the shorter lunchtime but recently 3 of the trainees have passed their training and are now proudly wearing their library monitor badges. Ms Meloni presented these badges and a certificate to the students. So Well done to **Phoebe, Erin and Amelie** (pictured).

Your help is greatly appreciated by Mrs Wogan and myself.



Amelie and Erin write:

As library monitors we do different things each time. We do things like shelving and reorganizing books, preparing new books that come in and renewing and returning them at the front desk. Since September, we have come in every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime -and we really enjoy it. Our training has been long but we finally did it! We are officially full time library monitors!

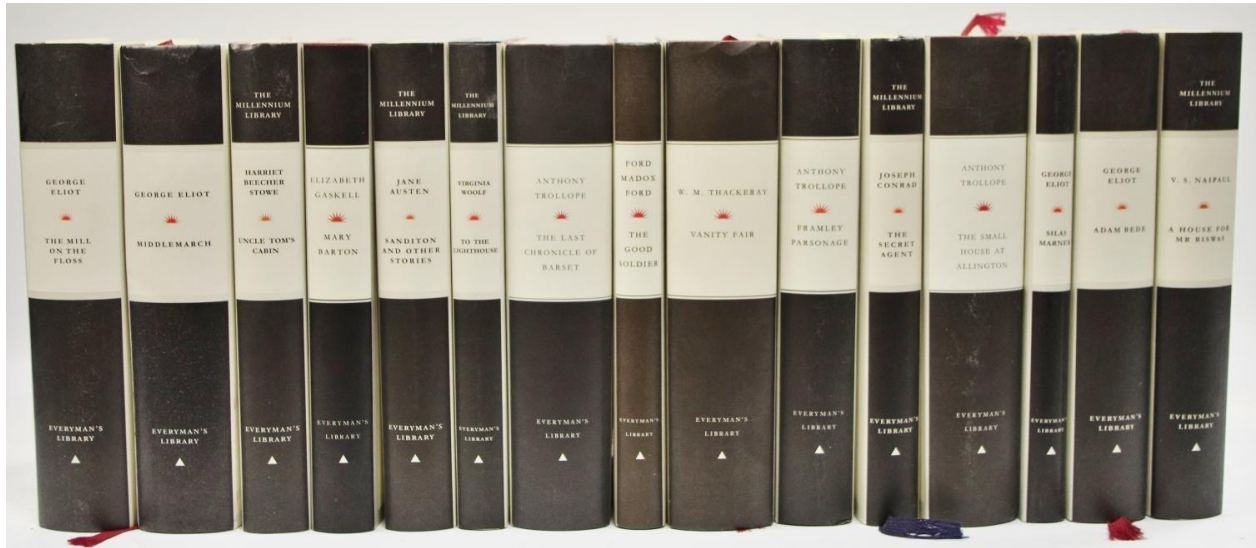


# We are judging a book by its cover!

Ms Werham writes:-

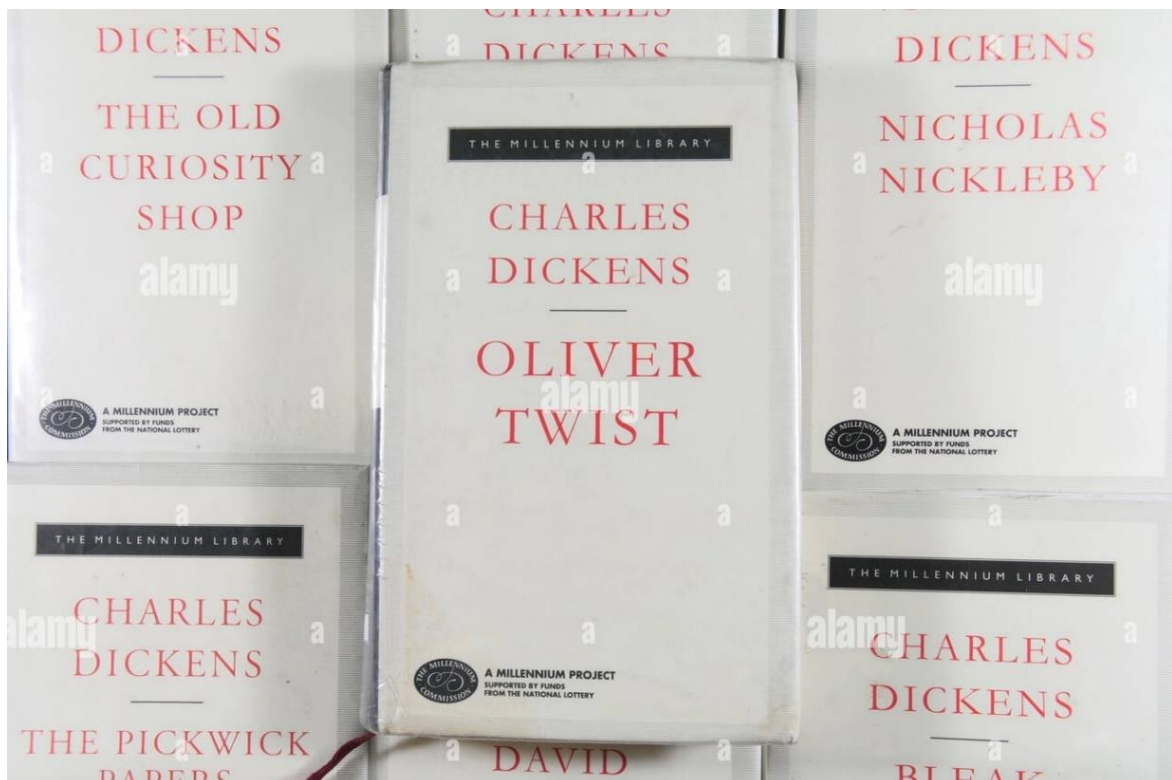
At 'All Booked Up!', Sackville School's very own KS3 Book Club, we have been incredibly busy since our last update.

In the Spring term we chose a different literary Classic novel from the LRC collection as our next read. We chose a huge range of classic novels including: 'Peter Pan' by J.M.Barrie, 'Black Beauty' by Anna Sewell, 'Little Women' by Louisa May Alcott and 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett.



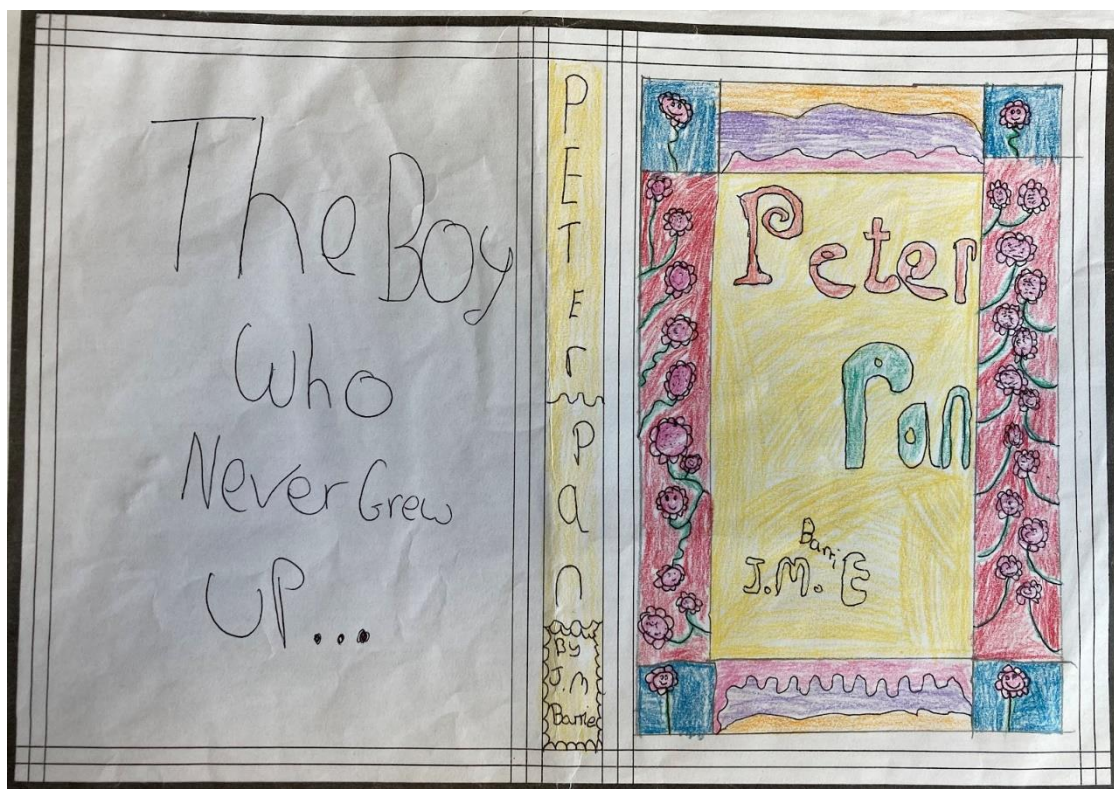
The thing that we noticed straight away was that the lovely collection of Everyman's Library Classic hardback books in our school library all had the same plain covers.

We weren't convinced that this was particularly appealing to new readers, as we often do in fact judge a book by its cover!



So, after reading our classic novels we designed some new colourful covers that we think you will love and hopefully make you want to give a classic novel a go.

Here are a few of our favourites:



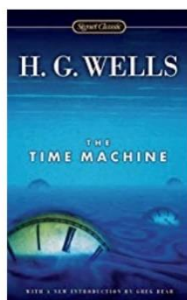
By James Coates in year 7



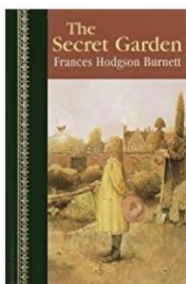
By Sophie Hewer in year 8



Have we piqued your interest in finding your first or next classic literature book? **Why not give some of these a try...**



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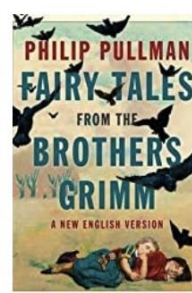
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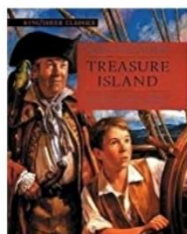
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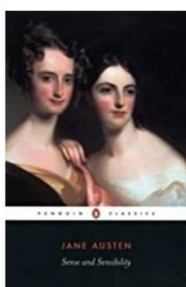
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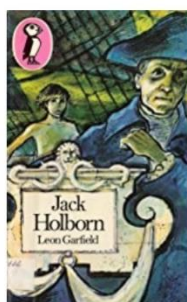
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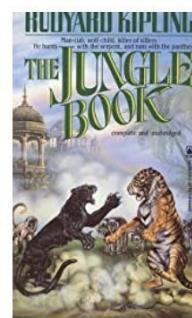
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### There's still time to join us!

Our next meeting is Wednesday May 25 in the LRC 2.45pm to 3.45pm for Years 7 & 8, Wednesday June 8 for years 9 & 10 and Wednesday June 25 for year 12.

### And finally...

It's competition time. We want you to 'Share a Shelfie' with us. "What's that?" I hear you cry.

Well, a **Shelfie** is a selfie picture with your bookshelf. We want to see your bookshelves and how you order your books: colour, author, size, editions, alphabetical or a random crazy mess of your own devising that makes sense only to you?

To enter simply share your shelfie to: [lwernham@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:lwernham@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

by: **FRIDAY June 10** and the best entry will win a prize.

(Please ensure you have your parent/guardians permission to enter this competition and for your image to be used on the school website and newsletter).

## Geography

Congratulations must go to our **amazing year 12 geography students** who have completed their fieldwork for their A level qualification.

After a day looking at sea defence on the south coast around Seaford, it was off to South Wales for a mix of human and physical geography. A stop at Port Talbot permitted urban data collection, and two days in Pembrokeshire saw spectacular sights visited, including Church Door Cove (pictured), St Govan's Head and chapel, Huntsman's Leap, The Devil's Cauldron, and the Green Bridge of Wales.

Best of all was the return of **Sackville legend Steve Latus** to sprinkle his geography gold liberally over the weekend. Thanks to Steve for returning, and also to Mr Johnson, Ms Bishop, Mr Gerretsen and Ms Parchment for giving up their holiday to make such a successful educational experience for our students.



## Music

The May bank holiday weekend saw Sackville musicians supporting *The Feeling* and Simon and Lee from *Blue* down at the Brighton Foodie Festival.



**Amber T, supported by musicians Freddie Pugh, Ollie Tomkinson, Freya Eastcott and Ben Bartlett,** made sure the food for the soul matched the edible fare on offer.

Well done Sackville Music Department!



## Science

During two weeks in May, a group of students worked incredibly hard on their projects for the national Dive Project Cornwall competition. The students have had the opportunity to demonstrate their creative skills with a twist by focusing on marine conservation and creating articles, videos or models of various marine animals. It has been brilliant to see the students come up with such fantastic projects but unfortunately only three projects could be submitted. Congratulations to:

**Avy-Mai Wickenden and Izzy Lee** on their model Giant pacific octopus with internal organs

**Lucy Barber and Lottie Howland's** article on the importance of the common octopus and



**Immy Woodward, Amber Bayliss and Clara Vecarre-Shaw** on their video on why Sackville School should win

Also a mention for **Haki Jacobs, James Barden, Joe Keetley and Elsa Woodcock** on their amazing models. Fingers crossed our entry wins!





# Maths

Our year 7 and 8 mathematicians approached the UK Junior Maths Challenge impeccably.



.....and here are a few pics from the **UKMT maths celebration**, which took place on Wednesday this week!







## Drama and Performing Arts

Our **year 9 drama** students were given the fantastic opportunity to perform in National Theatre Connections project over the Easter period.

Oscar, one of the performers, tells us all about it:



*"Recently, my class participated in the National Theatre Connections event where we were lucky enough to perform a newly-written play. Our play was called "Like There's No Tomorrow" and focused on the story of a girl trying to hold her city to account for their wasteful habits before it's too late and the planet is destroyed."*

*We rehearsed twice a week, experimenting with ways to create the scenes and making decisions as a class.*

*On the day of the performance at Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells, we did a tech run through. This would be our only chance to be on the stage before the actual performance. This was a very long process and hard to wrap my head around the fact that we would be on this stage in several hours. Before I knew it, we were about to do the real thing. The first time I stepped out onto that stage, I felt a buzz of excitement go through me -finally getting to perform our play! It didn't go perfectly, but when does it? The most important thing was that we had each other's backs throughout the play."*



Hopefully this exciting experience will become a regular occurrence at Sackville; we are proud to be home to so many talented and keen young actors!



Photo credits: Paul Simons on behalf

of Trinity Theatre (@trinitytheatretw)



## Business & Enterprise



Earlier this month 50 of our **year 9** Business & Enterprise students had the opportunity to visit Drusillas Park and Zoo.

Students watched a presentation by the owner of Drusillas alongside the education team who spoke about the business, how they make a profit and the impact that Covid-19 has had.

It was useful for students to hear how the business operates in the 'competitive environment', which directly links to their last topic in the GCSE Business curriculum. Students were then able to enjoy a tour of the park where they got to take a look at all of the animals.

**'It was a great day and a pleasure to take some of**

**the year 9's on their first trip at Sackville!'** – Mr Belcher, teacher of Business.

Thank you to all the staff who accompanied; it looks like you all had a whale of a time!



## Sport

Sackville's sporting side has been teeming recently, in particular many congratulations go to the following:

Congratulations to **Gabriel, Joseph, Will, Johnny, Floyd, Conor, Toby and Bailey** from **year 8**, who formed a key part of the **East Grinstead U13 rugby team** who won their final league match this month and so won their pool in the Sussex League as champions.

We've seen these boys play for the school too and know how strong they are. Well done indeed!



A further well done to our **year 7 boys** who are now **Sussex Indoor Athletic Champions** after beating all the finalists at the Regis School on Thursday May 19.

The boys competed in a range of individual and team indoor running races plus field events.

**Congratulations to Ben V, Charlie, Will, Eddie, Ethan, Subomi, Morris and Ben C.**





Congratulations and well done to **Scarlett Stevens** in 7DPT, who came away victorious from a show-jumping competition in Surrey over the first weekend of May, where a clear round on her pony *Dream* in the 50cm event saw her qualify for a Hickstead final in September.

Two top finishes in showing classes meant Scarlett finished the event as **overall ridden showing champion**.

We look forward to hearing how the Hickstead final goes later in the year!



Promising sailor **Harry Whelan**, who has just been selected to represent Great Britain's junior sailing team at the Irish National Optimist Sailing Championships in August.

This exciting opportunity follows Harry's latest success at the highly-regarded (and very competitive!) 2022 IOCA (UK) Selection Trials.



We wish Harry the best of luck going forward – and expect to hear much more aBOAT Harry's nautical success in the future; watch this space!



Sailing appears to be a popular hobby among Sackville students, this time, Jamie Gatehouse qualifies for the British Youth Sailing Team who will compete in various competitions over the summer.

This succeeds his impressive 3rd place in the RYA Youth Nationals during the Easter Holidays – no rest for the wicked(ly good sailors!)

The British Youth 29er Summer Sailing Team will compete in both the European *and* World Championships in 29er sailing in August, best of luck sailing forward, team!

Jamie racing at Hayling Island Sailing Club:







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