

The BCC Librarian

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New Library Committee Formed Many projects lie ahead

DAN RYAN

A new year, a new set of responsibilities for the recently created BCC Library Committee, the group of energetic students willing to get to work. The committee was set up to organise events, work on projects of literature, produce the 'BCC Librarian' newsletter, judge competition entries, and, to work in the school library, having the responsibility of keeping new and interesting books on the shelves for all those who wish to read them.

The committee above all, however, was created to raise awareness and to promote the benefits of using the library, mainly as a means of expanding your vocabulary and giving you more confidence with English

A chairperson, secretary and treasurer were elected on the day, with small committees set up to work on projects throughout the year. The committee will help out on the Open Day and will oversee production of a brochure about the library, to raise awareness of the excellent services that the library has to offer.

The new committee consists of many talented individuals in the area of English, with exceptional skills in writing poems and pieces of literature as well as many confident readers, who have a vast knowledge of what's on our shelves. Every member will play their part in the running of the library's many upcoming competitions, perhaps creating an informative

flyer or writing a descriptive piece on a specific competition.

A lot of work lies ahead for the committee, among their responsibilities, they will be tasked with organising quizzes for various year groups, creating questions and keeping the proceedings interesting.

The members will take pride in ensuring that an excellent selection of books is available for all readers, with plans to include dyslexic-friendly options, boosting the accessibility of the library and allowing those who find reading a challenge, to join our ethos.

A new, significant part of the library has been introduced to the entire school, this newsletter, the BCC Librarian. This newsletter will give everyone an insight as to what is going on in the library, even if they don't visit us. The newsletter will provide inspiration as to what books to read, as well as informing the school what the Library Committee is planning. A single quote, somewhat related to English will be added to the newsletter, in this edition's case, the quote is linked to one's own dictionary.

In my opinion, I accredit that the new library committee will assume their relevant duties and responsibilities with great swiftness and expertise, I believe that with this team, we will be able to give English the recognition it deserves in this school, as the known language of over 1.5 billion people, the importance of being able to use our language with great prowess must be highly regarded. This committee will work unremittently to keep the

library its best possible self and to do the most we can, onwards and upwards!

Image: The newly formed BCC Library Committee, organised to produce 'the BCC Librarian' Newsletter and to organise and administrate events and competitions

Grant received New opportunities arising for library

MS. D'ARCY

Borrisokane Community College Library has recently received a grant from the Department of Education in cooperation with other departments. This sum of money will allow the library to buy more interesting reads for the many users of the library, the newly formed library committee are compiling a list of books to add to our diverse collection.

We plan to add some textbooks for study and possibly expand our collection of popular books. This grant will certainly be the bringer of good news for all those who use the library.



Image: Students reading in the library



Library wins award BCC, a Wellread school

Above Image: PDST Award for wellread schools, awarded to Borrisokane Community College

MS. D'ARCY

Borrisokane Community College is now a Wellread Readers for Life School, having been awarded the PDST Wellread National Award. This award was inaugurated in 2015 by the Professional Development Service for Teachers, to honor the fantastic promotion of reading for pleasure by schools across the country.

The PDST Wellread National Award aims to promote the development of a reading culture within school communities. Research has shown that this supports the personal and academic development of young people.

The award requires the involvement of all stakeholders, including students, teachers, parents, the board of management, and the wider community in reading and associated activities.

This award recognises the many initiatives that have been undertaken in the school community to get everyone reading, such as author visits, World Book Day celebrations, new titles being made available in the library, Drop Everything and Read, Literacy Week, class visits to the library, book quizzes, teacher's 'favourite book' quizzes and having evident support from the Parent's Association.

Having so much support for the library in our school is excellent, students can really benefit from the library's services and can expand their vocabularies greatly.

New Brochure

Open Day Brochure in the works

DAN RYAN

The newly formed BCC Library Committee has sprung into action already and is working on an information brochure about the library, to be made available at the Open Day for all to get a complete summary of our library.

The brochure will include information about the books available in the library, all the competitions organised by the library committee annually, the unique design features of our library, the history of the library building, opening times, information on our librarians and a small piece of information on the new Library Committee.

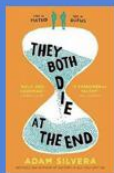
The brochure will be produced in a modern, interesting and eye-catching manner, to display the library's best features. The brochure will display the creativity of the Library Committee, and their desire to promote the benefits of using our library as well as what the library is about.



Image: Front side of new brochure being drafted by BCC Library Committee

Recommended Reads

Have a look out for...



**ELLIE FARRELL
&
AVA SLEVIN-
BUCKLEY**

Rufus, a 17-year-old in foster care, has decided to make one last friend; meanwhile, Matteo, a 16-year-old at the other side of town, makes the same decision. The two meet and live the rest of their lives in one night. Although the title makes the book seem like it contains a dark theme, *They both die at the end* is surprisingly, a very warm-hearted book and is a simple, swift read.

They both die at the end, is a young adult novel written by Adam Silvera. In the story, the two protagonists, Matteo and Rufus, learn the importance of having a good friend and decide to live their lives to the fullest, with what time they have left.

If you enjoyed reading *They both die at the end*, we recommend you read the newly released prequel: *The First to die at the end*.

One of us is lying is a young adult novel written by Karen M. McManus. *One of us is lying* is a murder mystery book, that constantly keeps you on your toes. The book is read from the perspective of the possible suspects, making it a gripping read, as you're trying to piece the murder together. All four of the suspects have motives and yet they all have alibis. It was also a simple read and has been quite popular in the past few years.

If you enjoyed reading *One of us is lying*, we recommend you read a *good girls guide to murder*, as it is also an excellent murder mystery novel.



Image: Our library, built in 1850 as a workhouse, restored only in recent years

Upcoming Events What the Library has planned

KATE MUEHLHAUSEN

The Library Committee is hard at work organising events for the students of Borrisokane C.C. throughout the year. We strive to create fun and creative challenges for the students. These include:

Horror Short Story Competition:

students to write a story, no longer than five hundred words, that can be as spooky or terrifying as they like!

Prize: €20 One4All voucher and story published on the school blog. Deadline: 4th of November 2022 Entries to library@borrisokanecc.ie

Scholastic Book Fair: The school works together with Scholastic Publishing to choose a range of new books to sell in the school. Students will help at the Book Fair and some of the proceeds will be returned to the school by Scholastic.

Twelve Words of Winter Competition:

This challenges students to write a winter-related story in only twelve words. People willing to take the challenge can submit as many entries as they want.

World Book Day: The Library will organise fun activities to mark World Book Day in March

Poetry Competition: Many entries flow in for this, everyone hoping to be crowned the Poet of BCC. There is a junior competition (First, Second and Third Year), and a senior competition (TY, Fifth, Sixth Year) within the school. Prizes include Easter eggs and vouchers, with the chance of having your poem published.

Finally, the quizzes! Throughout the year, the Library Committee shall be working hard to create fun and challenging quizzes, for all year groups of the school.

Have fun, and good luck!



“Impossible is a word found only in the dictionary of fools”

-Napoleon Bonaparte

A brief reminder that our library is open at lunchtimes for the following times:

Monday to Thursday: 1:15 - 1:40

Friday: 11:40 - 12:05

The library offers an excellent place to relax, sit down, and read a book or get some work done, visit us!

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