



Beyond the Books

Newlands Girls' School Library Newsletter
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“Remember to look up to the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the Universe exist. Be curious. And, however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.”

Stephen Hawking, Physicist

Welcome to the 1st issue of the Library Newsletter! If you have anything you would like included in future issues, please email the Librarian—leaevetts@newlandsgirls.co.uk.

Beyond the Window

By Daisy (7F)

I peer from my window into the outside world,
Then shudder and take a breath,
The air it seeps into my long deprived lungs,
A sudden new thirst for air.

I peer from my window into the outside world,
And look down at the street below,
The parks are empty, the people are running,
And a lone swing rocks to and fro.

I peer from my window into the outside world,
And see a hoard of masks,
Then up in the sky the birds they do cry,
And I wonder how long it will last.

I peer from my window into the outside world,
And above me a clear blue sky,
The planet is beaming, quite clearly seeming,
So joyous to be alive.



By Klaudia (9A)



By Sinéad (7E)

Library Art Competition!

1st Prize—£15 Amazon voucher

Local artist Rebecca Howard has offered to judge a Library art competition!

Rebecca trained as an illustrator in 2004 and has worked with several publishers over the years. She has been painting as a landscape artist for the last 12 years.

www.rebecca-howard.co.uk

Draw, sketch or paint a picture inspired by a book (you must be able to scan it). This can be a character, a scene or even a map!

Scan in your picture, and email it to the Librarian Mrs Evetts together with your name, form and the name of the book or character you have been inspired by in the text of the email. Please do not put your name on the front of the picture.

We are looking forward to seeing your entries!

Email to — leaevetts@newlandsgirls.co.uk

End date—1/7/2020



By Emily (8A)

Letter from the Future (Short Story)

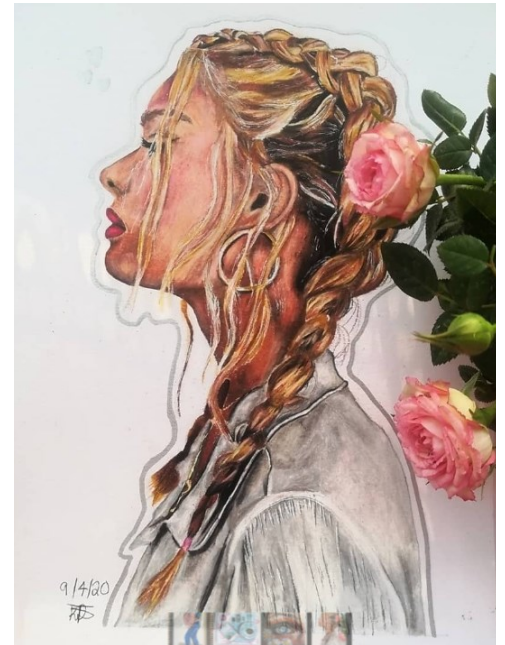
By Malghalara (7F)

Don't be worried when you read this letter. I'm a time traveller and, yeah, it's pretty fun. I'm also your future self. Everyone knows how disastrous it is if you meet your past self. I'll probably get killed as punishment but what I'm trying to save you from is far, far worse than death.

Let small things go - don't let them trouble you. Life is too short for that, trust me. But if it's a big thing you **HAVE** to speak up. You should speak up now as much as you need to, because in my time, you won't get that freedom anymore. I'll tell you about my troubles here where I live.

Them presidents and other bigwigs like that are such a big pain. All they do is set rules for us which they don't even follow themselves!

In the end, we are all accountable for our own choices. One of my choices was to warn you of the danger that awaits you but, as you already know, I can't. But, I managed to sneak one in. Read the first word of every paragraph, **NOW!!!**



By Klaudia (9A)



By Charlotte (9A)

Haiku

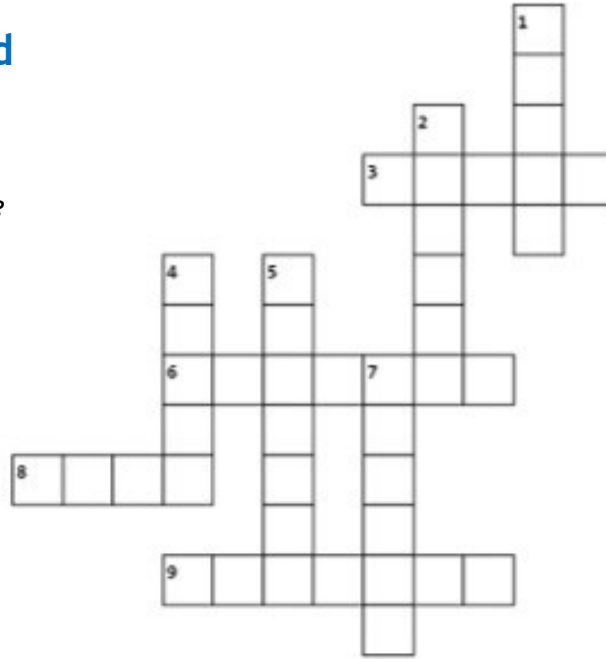
By Lola (8E)

The earth is our home
But we don't treat it like
that,
Why won't we save it?

Astronomy Crossword

By Jessica (7F)

Answers on the last page of the newsletter.



Across

3. Takes approximately 365 days to rotate around the sun
6. The farthest planet from the sun
8. Known as the "Red Planet"
9. Closest planet to the sun

Down

1. No longer a officially considered a planet
2. Famous for its rings
4. Closest planet to Earth
5. The largest planet
7. Coldest planet in the solar system

The Anne Frank Creative Writing Awards 2020

In this time of lock-down, when people are separated from each other, you are invited to write a poem, story, essay or article inspired by Anne Frank which shows how important it is that we all live together with kindness, respect and equality. This is for entrants aged between 10 and 15 years old on 31 August 2020.

Entries must be:-

- * any length up to 1,000 words
- * about or inspired by the life or work of Anne Frank and contributing to The Anne Frank Trust UK's aim of preventing prejudice and discrimination.

Please email Ms Baker with your entry by 25th June – sandrabaker@newlandsgirls.co.uk

Prizes include a trip to Amsterdam!

For more details please see:-

annefrank.org.uk/the-anne-frank-creative-writing-awards-2020

Disaster Behind Beauty

By Eva (7C)

What is more enjoyable than a beach.
How the sea glistens under the sun shine,
And the gorgeous seagulls that soar and screech,
Over the fishermen with their fishing lines.

Children run along the warm sandy shore,
Holding yummy, melting chocolate ice-creams.
Oh how this stunning place is ne'er a bore,
No, it's nothing less than a fleeting dream.

But behind the beauty lies disaster,
Invisible to the blind human eye,
The oil that ruins the animal fur,
Plastic and litter it's making them all die.
So if you want to keep them all alive,
Stop scattering litter to help them thrive.

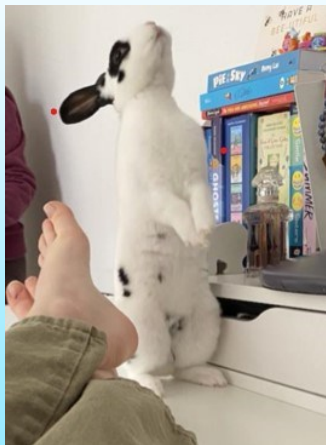
Miss Capon's dog Teal is looking forward to seeing everyone again soon!



Haikus

By Beth (8D)

Mr Leonard Dot
My fluffy little
rabbit
Has so many spots



He is so cheeky
I love Lennon very
much
Silly little face

Recommended Reading List

By Daisy (7F) and Niamh (7F)

Books to get you through lockdown!

- **Shapeshifter/Unleashed series, by Ali Sparkes:** An imaginative and modern take on what would happen if children were to develop supernatural powers. This series has 11 books in total, but each book is fairly short. There is excellent character development throughout the books.
- **Skulduggery Pleasant, by Derek Landy:** As of now containing 13 books, Skulduggery Pleasant is a unique, witty read which takes you on a journey like no other. The plots and twists are incredibly well done and all of the characters have great depth and are believable, making you care about them.
- **School for Good and Evil, by Soman Chainani:** A slightly shorter series of 6 books, the School for Good and Evil takes every fairy-tale cliché and twists it, pushing the boundaries and changing the meaning of good and evil. This series is full of great, complex and intriguing characters with a brilliant plot. Each book feels packed with action, and the amount of development you get within just one book is astounding.
- **The Windsinger Trilogy, by William Nicholson:** This trilogy is completely different to any other books I have ever read. You follow three main characters on a journey as they discover themselves amidst a world of cruelty. The storytelling is amazing and excellently paced and by the end of the trilogy all of the characters have grown and developed so much.
- **The Dark is Rising series, by Susan Cooper:** This series has five books and follows two main plotlines, which all come together at the end. It is written so cleverly and the climax is immensely satisfying.
- **The Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula LeGuin:** This series spans an incredibly long time period, and you get to see all of the characters grow up and mature. The storyline is brilliant and the way the books are told is very clever.
- **The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien:** This magical adventure story drives a powerful connection with the supernatural, and brings a brand-new view on classic fairy tales. The characters in the story evolve and develop throughout the adventures they have together, and empower a sense of achieving the impossible, no matter who you are. The Hobbit is the first book in the series, “The Lord of the Rings,” and the witty language and plot keep the story alive throughout the several books in the tale.
- **The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson:** The House with Chicken Legs is a spellbinding story, that reflects many cultural and traditional customs in a mystical setting. The protagonist, Marinka, has to discover herself and her true place in the world, before she can gain independence and confidence in who she is. She develops so much as a character and delivers a powerful message, in a book that is unlike anything else you will ever read.

- **My Brothers Name is Jessica by John Boyne:** This incredible book tells the story of transgenderism, and the powerful language and message delivered makes it an all-time must read. The characters develop so much throughout the book, this story can truly change your opinion on the world. In a realistic setting, this transformative and spellbinding read reflects the prejudice and judgement of the modern day, and how family bonds and how even the people you care for the most may seem like enemies. This incredible book inspires so many to be themselves and to be proud of who they are.
- **Frozen in Time by Ali Sparks:** Frozen in time is an imaginative story, based on what life would be like if scientific discoveries achieved the impossible and found a way to preserve humans and freeze their hearts, only to be set back in motion. The hilarious and upsetting outcome of this story in a modern-day setting makes this a fantastic and touching story.
- **Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling:** The Harry Potter series is comprised of 7 incredible books, and are almost impossible to put down once you have begun reading. Opening the doors to a whole new world, Harry Potter and his fellow aspiring wizards are thrust into a world of mystery and magic at Hogwarts school of witchcraft and wizardry. These amazing stories are one of the most well-known series in modern literature, and are not only filled with adventure and action, but the many books make you care about the characters and want to be a part of the extraordinary wizarding world.

My cat and fish sonnet!

By Isla (7B)

Shall I compare you to a ball of fluff?
 Prancing around my garden in summer
 Bringing in wasps, bees, flies and lots of stuff
 You are always scared of the newcomer

The day she arrived we called her coco
 She spends the day on my comfy big bed
 In winter she likes to jump in the snow
 I love my cat but she has a big head

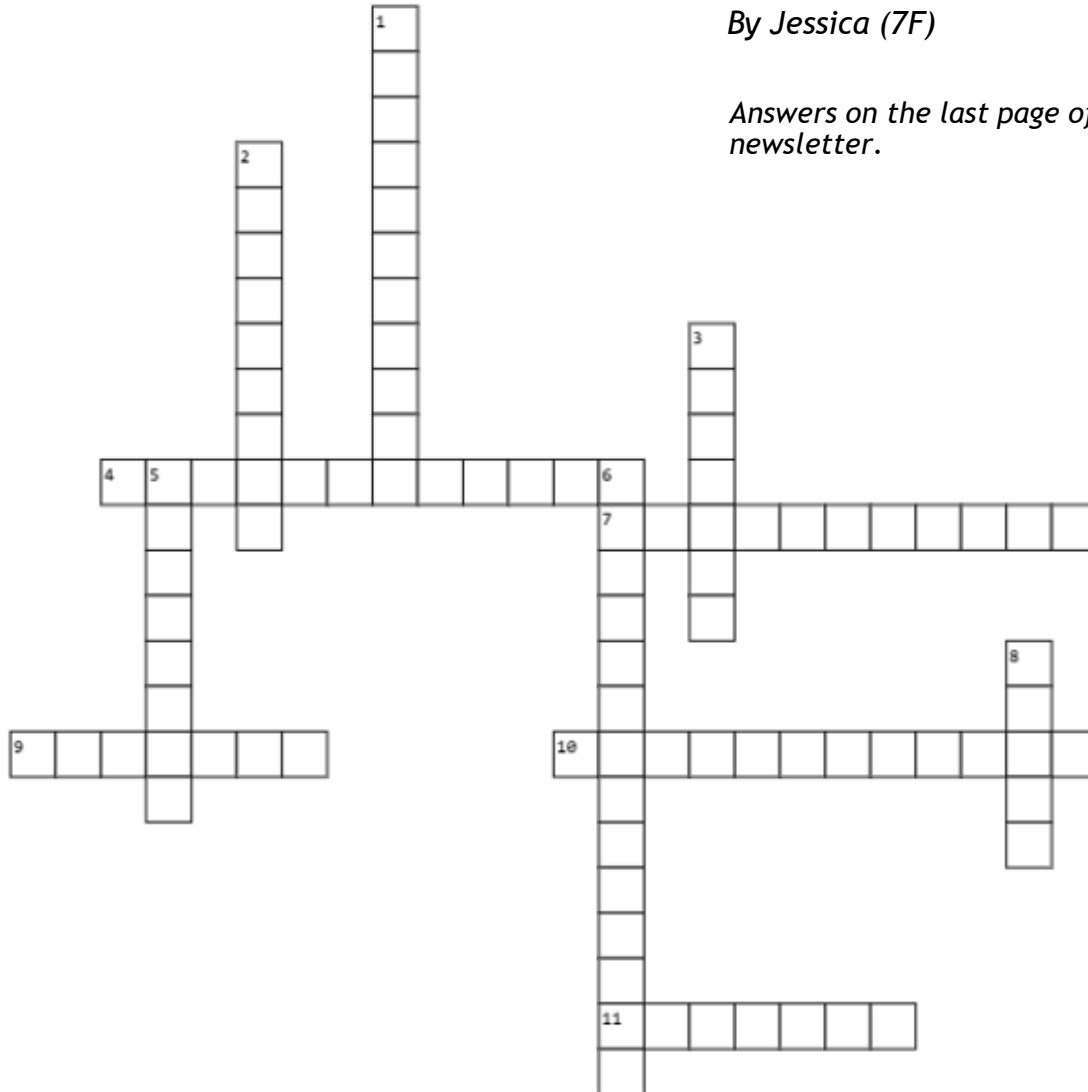
But then you see my other pet nemo
 For a goldfish he is really quite old
 In his fish tank he likes to give demos
 His scales are very bright and very bold

Both of my perfect pets I love so much
 They are both very soft and sweet to touch

Weather Crossword

By Jessica (7F)

Answers on the last page of the newsletter.



Across

- 4. Most common type of storm
- 7. The process of water changing into an invisible gas called water vapor
- 9. The state of the air at a certain time and place
- 10. The process of water vapor turning into water droplets
- 11. Spinning cloud with a funnel shape

Down

- 1. Water that is found underground
- 2. Large, powerful storm that occurs over large bodies of water
- 3. The weather of a place over a long time
- 5. Amount of water vapor in the air
- 6. Scientists who study weather
- 8. Water overflow that is caused by a large amount of rainfall

Astronomy Crossword Answers

Down,	1. Pluto
	2. Saturn
	3. Earth
Across	6. Neptune
	8. Mars
	9. Mercury
	4. Venus
	5. Jupiter
	7. Uranus

Weather Crossword Answers

Across	4. Thunderstorm
	7. Evaporation
	9. Weather
	10. Condensation
	11. Tornado
Down	1. Groundwater
	2. Hurricane
	3. Climate
	5. Humidity
	6. Meteorologists
	8. Flood