

Year 5 and 6 Book Awards Club newsletter



Activities

During book club we took part in many different activities including book reviews, designing book jackets, creative writing tasks and much more. There were five books on the awards shortlist, and we all read them out of choice. At the end we did a quiz and voted for which book we liked most. By **Imogen Thomas**

The Ballot was on the 31st of March 2017. The Ballot is when you write down your favorite and second favorite book and put your vote in the Ballot box.

The winner of the Ballot was *Albie Bright* by Christopher Edge. *The Wilderness War* by Julia Green came second. *Sophia said: 'I thought the Ballot Box idea was really creative, and the decorations on it were awesome.'* By **Freyja Sarre**

If you missed book club...

here is a quick overview of what we did: Every two weeks we got a book to read, and every week, we met up and talked about each book. The five selected books this year were: *Black Powder*, by Ally Sherrick, *The Secret Life of Daisy Fitzjohn*, by Tania Unsworth, *The Wilderness War*, by Julia Green, *The Dog, Ray*, by Linda Coggin, and *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright*, by Christopher Edge, which was personally my favourite. If you like reading, I think that you would really like book club! By **Eva Dillon**

The Short List

'I thought that *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright* was amazing, it was so interesting and one of the books you would really read because it is very, imaginative.' -

Joshua

'The *Wilderness War* was an exciting, adventurous story.' - **Thomas**

'*The Secret Life of Daisy Fitzjohn* is for anyone who likes adventure and thriller stories and is not easily scared.' - **Esme**

CHRISTOPHER EDGE VISIT: On the 24th March 2017, the book club were invited to visit Christopher Edge, the author of *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright*, one of the shortlisted books for the book awards 2017,

pictured below, **by Oscar Moore**



The Big Book Awards Quiz

On Thursday 30th March, St James' Book Club did a quiz on the five books to win the Book Club trophy. People worked in groups of their classes, and everyone did very well. However 5S and 5C came joint first, each with an amazing total of 26 points. It was very hard to decide. In the end, both classes got a trophy.

'I found the question about the name of the scientist most tricky' says Eva Dillon, age 10. Book Club also gave out a few prizes to people who had especially good work. 'I was delighted to receive my prize for best body of work' Imogen Thomas tells me. Freyja Sarre was also delighted by her prize; she told us she was amazed, and really pleased that she had won something. A big thanks to the adults that helped out. **By Sophia Dennett,**



Black Powder by Ally Sherrick is about 12 year-old Tom who must save his father from hanging. He falls in with a mysterious stranger, the Falcon, who promises to help him in exchange for his service. But on the long journey to London, Tom discovers the Falcon's true mission - and a plot to blow up Parliament with barrels of black powder. Tom faces a terrible decision: secure his father's release, or stop the assassination of the king... I enjoyed the book because it was full of suspense. We have been doing some fun activities and other cool stuff. Somebody even had their review on the website! **By Stanley Pearson**

I really like the science part in *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright* because I like science at school. I think it might be possible to travel to a parallel universe. I would like to travel to a world where my Grandma is still there. I liked the character of Albie because he is adventurous. I would now like to read some more of his books! **By Natasha Mellon**