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NEWSLETTER

Please can you ensure that all staff and governors see this Newsletter!

SBSA – Cheshire West & Chester and Cheshire East Schools

I appreciate schools will have to make difficult decisions this year due to their budget situation. Schools can be sure that by subscribing to the Education Library Service they are receiving good value for money. Along with book and non-book resources, schools have access to advice on all aspects of library management, delivery to and from school and the opportunity to refresh stock on a regular basis from the mobile library. The value of materials borrowed over the year far exceeds the cost of subscription.

I am conscious that there is a tight timescale for you to respond and complete the appropriate form for services you wish to use from September.

For the Education Library Service (ELS) our autumn term actually starts in July. Schools who send in their project requests by 29th June will have them delivered before the summer holidays.

During July and August we then process all other autumn term requests as well as unpacking all your summer term projects. We also schedule mobile library visits for subscribing schools and some teachers visit our site to select their own resources.

We can only do all this if we know you are buying back in to the service from September.

To ensure uninterrupted delivery of your resources please therefore ensure you complete your form as soon as possible. If you have any queries please contact:

Lesley Simons or Kathy Slater on 01606 275801.

Revised Opening Hours

We have extended our opening hours during the summer holidays. This autumn we will also be piloting some new opening hours at the start of term to enable teachers who live a bit further afield the chance to come and view the site and select their own resources. We will be asking you to let us know if you would like to see a late night opening - watch out for the survey and please let us have your thoughts.

Please see the back page of this newsletter for revised times and ensure all staff are briefed.

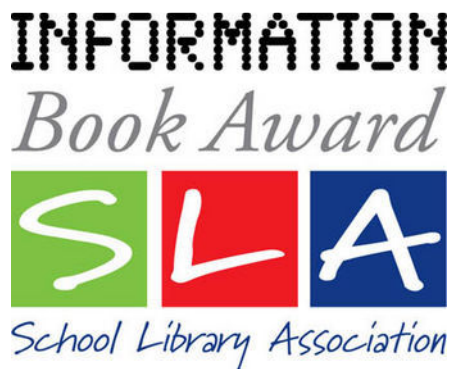


Julia Donaldson

waterstone's
**Children's
Laureate**
2011-2013

New Children's Laureate 2011 – 2013 is announced!

Julia Donaldson was appointed as the seventh Children's Laureate at a special event in London on Tuesday 7th June, taking over from picture book illustrator Anthony Browne. Julia Donaldson is the author of over 120 books for children, including *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom* and the award-winning teenage novel *Running on the Cracks*. In 2010 she was the most borrowed children's author from UK libraries. For further information see www.childrenslaureate.org.uk



The School Library Association recently announced the very first shortlist for the 'Information Book Award'. The award, which will be annual, is a major development for information books and is designed to support school libraries and to reinforce the importance of non-fiction and highlight the high standard of resources available. This new prize will also include an exciting opportunity for schools to take part in the Children's Choice voting in September and October. The award is split into 3 separate categories; under 7s, 7-12 and 12-16 and the first award ceremony will take place in November 2011.

For more information about the shortlist and how your school can get involved go to www.sla.org.uk/information-book-award.php

Eco-Schools: Resources to help your school go green!



In response to frequent requests from schools for materials to support 'eco' themed projects, we have put together project boxes called 'Reduce, Re-use, Recycle', to complement the 'Environment' project boxes we already stock. To celebrate World Environment Day on 5th June, ELS will send free low energy light bulbs and power down devices to schools requesting projects on 'eco' topics, whilst stocks last!

New 'Climate Change Resource Boxes' are now available for schools to borrow from ELS. The boxes, one aimed at primary schools and one compiled for use in secondary schools, have been created by Cheshire West and Chester Sustainability team. Contents include solar energy car kits, wind turbine kits, powermeters, global warming photo pack and several DVDs.

Domesday Reloaded

Some of you may remember that in 1986 the BBC launched the ambitious Domesday Project to record a snapshot of everyday life across the UK for future generations. Over a million volunteers took part, submitting 147,819 pages of text articles and 23,225 photographs, cataloguing what it was like to live, work and play in their community.

Unfortunately very few people ever got to see the fruits of their labour because the technology that was used didn't catch on and the computers it required were very expensive for schools and libraries to buy.

Now, 25 years later, you can explore the archive online at bbc.co.uk/domesday. On the Domesday Reloaded website you will find access to all the original material. All you have to do is browse the map and search for a location you know. Why not try searching for your school's postcode? It is easy to send updated pictures and stories to the website for future generations to look at.



The Summer Reading Challenge, aimed at children aged 4-11 years, inspires children to read in the long summer break when their reading skills can decline without the regular reading activity at school. The Summer Reading Challenge' has been running for twelve years and is now run in 97% of UK public libraries, and involves 760,000 children.

Each year there's a different theme and in 2011 the Challenge is called Circus Stars. It runs in libraries throughout the summer holidays, with incentives, activities and events designed to create a real buzz around children's reading. The challenge is simple – to read six or more library books over the summer.

For more information on the challenge and how to promote it in school, including a downloadable assembly pack and staffroom poster, go to www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/schools or contact your local public library to see what events they may be offering during the challenge.

Secondary News

Dates for Your Diary

- Libraries Alive Training Day on Friday 17th June from 9.30 onwards at the Woodford Lodge Professional Centre, Winsford. "Everyone's Special: Meeting a Range of Learning Needs in the School Library" will be led by Alec Williams (past Chair of the School Library Association). There will also be an opportunity to select books from the Education Library Service in the afternoon.
- The votes are in! Join us at the Education Library Service on Tuesday 28th June from 5 pm onwards where the winner of the Cheshire Schools' Book Award 2011 will be announced. We are looking forward to an entertaining evening when Jon Mayhew, and hopefully Joseph Delaney, authors of two of this year's nominated books will also be here to give short talks and answer any questions from the audience.
- Librarians and Humanities teaching staff are invited to visit the Education Library Service on Tuesday 5th July from 2pm to 6pm and see for themselves the range of resources we have to offer in these subject areas. Helen Neal from the public libraries reference team will also be on hand to demonstrate relevant areas of the Cheshire Virtual Reference Library. Light refreshments will be available.
- Please remember to return your stock check by 22th July. It may be possible that additional core stock may be available if your stock figures are very low.

Cheshire School Librarians Book Quiz Final

The Queen's School, Chester was the worthy winner of this year's annual Book Quiz final held at the Kings School, Chester on Wednesday 18th May. They came face to face with teams from The County High School, Leftwich, Merchant Taylor's School, Liverpool and St Thomas More Catholic High School, Crewe. All the teams demonstrated an outstanding knowledge of children's books and literature, proving that children do still read! Book token prizes were awarded to each of the participating teams, and the Book Quiz trophy was presented to the winning team by local author David Whitley, an 'old boy' of the school. The book review competition prizes were awarded to Evelyn Davies (Lymm High School) and Katy Galloway (The County High School, Leftwich). David then went on to talk about the importance of stories in our lives reading the poem *In Case of Fire* by Roger McGough. The audience then participated in creating their own story about a world built on a cloud inhabited by sky blue birds! Watch out for it in one of his future books! As always a huge thank you to all the school librarians involved for all their hard work in organizing this successful event.

PLEASE BRIEF ALL STAFF ON THE DATES AND TIMES

Plan ahead for the autumn term!

(Halton schools will receive their own dates)

Our last two full weeks of scheduled deliveries prior to the summer holidays are the weeks beginning 4th and 11th July. We need to have your project requests in by **Wednesday 29th June** in order to guarantee delivery before the end of term.

Any requests received after 29th June will be processed as soon as possible but may not be delivered until your first scheduled delivery in the autumn term.

If you would like to visit to choose your own resources in the summer holidays please note our new extended opening times below.

Please note that before we can action autumn term requests for Cheshire schools we will need confirmation of buyback into our service. This will also apply to teachers from Cheshire schools visiting ELS to choose resources during the summer holidays.

New Extended Opening Hours

Teachers visiting ELS in the summer now have extra time to select resources. We will be open until 2pm instead of 1pm. Please see details below.

As a pilot we are also going to open until 6pm for the first two weeks of the autumn term from Monday to Thursday. We hope this will give teachers who wish to select their own resources more time to visit ELS at the end of the school day.

Please telephone to make an appointment to ensure staff are available to help, if required.

Monday	25 July	to	Friday	29 July	9am to 5pm
Monday	1 August	to	Friday	5 August	9am to 2pm
Monday	8 August	to	Friday	12 August	Closed for stock taking
Monday	15 August	to	Friday	19 August	Closed for stock taking
Monday	22 August	to	Friday	26 August	9am to 2pm
Monday	29 August			Bank Holiday	Closed
Tuesday	30 August	to	Friday	2 September	9am to 2pm

Monday	5 September	to	Thursday	8 September	9am to 6pm
Friday	9 September				9am to 5pm
Monday	12 September	to	Thursday	15 September	9am to 6pm
Friday				16 September	9am to 5pm

Normal opening hours from Monday 19th September, 9.00am to 5.00pm

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