



READING

EXPRESS

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Reading news!

What have we been up to at Alexandra? Year 5 have been included in Hovey's Junior Book Awards (Shadowing Group). During this event, children are reading a variety of books including *When the Sky Falls* by Phil Earle and *VI: Spy* by Maz Evans.

It is our job to review the books and help the judges to decide which book is the best! Look out for our reviews on the reading noticeboard in the school's entrance.

The overall winners were:
1st place: *When the Sky Falls* - Phil Earle
2nd place: *The House at the Edge of Magic* - Amy Sparkes
3rd place: *VI: Spy* - Maz Evans

By Nihal and Teo



We are the Year 3, 4 and 5 reading ambassadors!



Year 5 team!



Year 4 team!



Year 3 team!

This is our new reading newsletter which will be published monthly.

Why is reading important?

Reading helps you to understand the world around you - Lavin

Reading helps you to increase your knowledge and improve your vocabulary - Murali

Reading makes you more imaginative and you get to go deeper into the book and get excited when something happens to the characters - Elisha

Coming next

Look out for our next edition in September! This will introduce our new reading ambassadors and include an interview with a reading teacher!

Keep your eyes peeled...



How to look after your class book corners

Is your book corner messy? Are you tired of having to look deeply for your books? If so, read this set of instructions to learn how to keep your book corner tidy.

Firstly, it is important to place the book in the correct area, especially when you return it. For example don't put grey in time and magenta in brown. This is important because, if books are in their correct place, you can easily find them.

Secondly, when the reading ambassadors have to tidy the book corner, it causes a lot of disruption. Keeping your book corners organised will save time and energy for your poor ambassadors!

Finally, when your book corner is tidy, it encourages you to read more. So please help to encourage others to read by keeping them neat and tidy!

Thank you for reading these instructions. Your reading ambassadors will always help you with anything to do with reading!
by Etion (Nicaragua Class)



We challenge you!

Can you make a reading journal entry like Nihal's?

Have a go at writing a letter to one of the characters in your book!

Fantastic examples can be shared with your reading ambassadors!

Recommendations Corner!



I recommend *The Beast and The Bethany* by Jack Meggitt-Phillips.

I recommend this book because it has lots of twists and it is extremely funny! My favourite character is Bethany but you can choose yours!



Nihal used her reading journal to respond to the first *The Beast and the Bethany*. It was such a fantastic entry that Miss Joseph shared it with Jack Meggitt-Phillips, who wrote Nihal a letter!

The Beast's Ate:
13 Honey Beech
5 Duke Lane Twickenham Arsenal

A Slightly Nervous Girl
Alexandra Primary School
Westons Road

Dear Nihal,

Thank you for your letter - it took a little while to arrive to us, because the post has developed the unfortunate habit of eating all our postcards. (You should see what it did to this poor postcard before we sent it! - truly ghastly stuff!)

Altogether, the beast was deeply moved to receive your letter. It was so moved in fact, that it spent the rest of the day watching out for balloons, party poppers, fireworks.

I promise, in response to your request that the child Bethany shouldn't be woken, it had the following message it wished for me to convey:

"NOT BEE! NOT BEE! I'm going to sleep off Bethany's lovely nose, and then play puggs in the market for a change of all her faces. And then, just to finish the beast, I'm going to crush down Nihal, and not for the postcard!"

So I guess what I'm saying is... you may be a good time to run for your life at the moment.

Jack Meggitt-Phillips

Author of *The Beast and the Bethany* and *Beasts of the Beast*