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PENCELLI TRIP 2008

After the Christmas break, January seemed an odd time of year to enjoy outdoor pursuits. However, the twenty two Year 10 students and two members of staff had a fantastic week in 'Plas Pencelli Outdoor Activities Centre'.

Every day brought a new challenge - rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, caving, orienteering, gorge walking and mountain walking. There was no time to relax with activities day and night!

We must also mention the weather! We had sun, rain, sleet, snow, high winds and sub zero temperatures, but we never stopped smiling!

Here are some quotes from the students:-

"I've conquered my fears, particularly rock climbing and abseiling".

"I learnt to trust myself when I went rock climbing, I managed to jump from the foot holds without holding on".

"Canoeing was great, we all enjoyed jumping in".

"The instructors were great fun".



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Dates for your diary.....

JANUARY 2008

28th KS4 Options Evening
7.00pm

30th Governors' Meeting
6.15pm

FEBRUARY 2008

7th Y9 Parents' Evening
4.00pm

15th School Ski Trip
15th - 23rd February

END OF TERM HOLIDAY
18th February - 22nd February

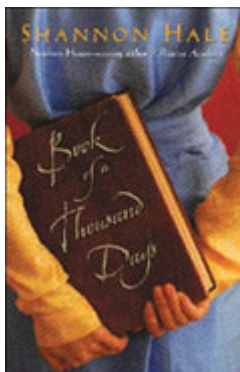
25th Whole School Returns

28th Y7 Parents' Evening
4.00pm



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NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2008



BOOK OF A THOUSAND DAYS

Shannon Hale

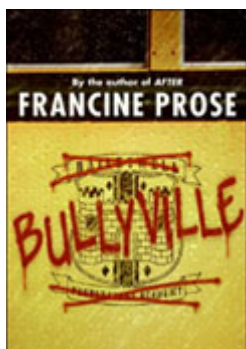
Bloomsbury USA Children's Books

ISBN: 9781599900513

Ages 12-up

320 pages

When Dashti, a maid, and Lady Saren, her mistress, are shut in a tower for seven years for Saren's refusal to marry a man she despises, the two prepare for a very long and dark imprisonment. As food runs low and the days go from broiling hot to freezing cold, it is all Dashti can do to keep them fed and comfortable. But the arrival outside the tower of Saren's two suitors --- one welcome, and the other decidedly less so --- brings both hope and great danger, and Dashti must make the desperate choices of a girl whose life is worth more than she knows.



BULLYVILLE

Francine Prose

HarperTeen

ISBN: 9780060574970

Ages 12-up

272 pages

Bestselling author Francine Prose delivers a highly charged and provocative novel about grief, frustration and healing following 9/11. When eighth grader Bart Rangely is granted a "mercy" scholarship to an elite private school after his father is killed in the North Tower, doors should have opened. Instead, he is terrorized and bullied by his own mentor. So begins the worst year of his life.

More recommendations in next weeks issue!

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains all the letters 1 - 9

Solution to last issue's puzzle:

	8		7			6	3	
5						1		
			8	2	3			
	1			7			9	
		3				5		
	4			9			2	
			2	3	5			
		4						3
	5	9			8		7	

3	9	7	8	2	4	5	6	1
5	2	8	9	1	6	4	7	3
1	4	6	7	5	3	8	9	2
9	1	2	5	4	7	6	3	8
4	8	5	6	3	2	7	1	9
7	6	3	1	8	9	2	4	5
2	7	1	4	9	5	3	8	6
6	3	9	2	7	8	1	5	4
8	5	4	3	6	1	9	2	7

Mr Jarvis' English group have written some amazing sonnets - a 14 line poem ending with a rhyming couplet.

Here are a couple of fantastic examples!

Mrs Carpenter

*I'm sat here thinking about what to write,
scraping away in my brain for a muse.
I try and I try, but as I might,
there's nothing at all I'm able to use.
I've not got much time. This lesson is short.
It dwindles away like an egg timer.
No matter how hard I try, not a thought passes my mind.
I'm a hopeless rhymmer.
Maybe I'll look over my friend's shoulder;
Damn it, she's seen me! I'm no good at this.
I may rhyme well when I am much older,
but right now I ought to give it a miss.
Hang on, I've just written a whole sonnet;
Perhaps there's more up here in my bonnet.*

Anna North — 9JNM

*I write this sonnet with an empty mind,
I would rather be on a computer.
When people read this out, what will they find.
Will they be train drivers or commuters?
Why and I writing this? It's for English.
I'm in a classroom with lots of people.
Oh please let me go home, I wish, I wish.
Out of the window I see a church steeple.
I notice the teacher walking around,
I see the bin at the front of the class;
I sit on a chair and not on the ground;
I could be outside sitting on the grass.
It was hard writing this, making it rhyme,
and I want a drink, not lemon or lime.*

Oliver Hector — 9MPL

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PUPILS **REMINDER**

If you sign in late with Mrs Slade, which is 0845 or after, you must either have a note from your parent/guardian or an appointment card explaining where you have been and the reason for your late arrival. If you have a note, please hand it to Mrs Slade when you sign in.

Remember, your parents/guardians can phone in and leave a message on the pupil absence selection on the answer phone if you are going to be late in or they can send an email.

If you sign in late and you have no explanation, you will be recorded as an **Unauthorized Absence** on the register.

If you have **ten** Unauthorised Absences on the Register the EWO will be informed and they can then issue a fixed penalty fine for not attending school.

GOVERNING BODY **PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY**

A vacancy has arisen for Parent Governors, commencing February 2008, for a 4-year term of office.

Notice of Election and Nomination Forms will be sent to all parents on **Wednesday 30th January 2008** and should be returned with Election addresses to the Clerk to the Governing Body, Devizes School, by 12 noon on **Wednesday 13th February 2008**.

Clerk to the Governing Body

BADMINTON WILTSHIRE SCHOOLS LEAGUE

Results as follows:-

6th Form Boys:

Matt Spencer
Francis May
Sam Ottaway
Jack Case

1st Matches v Warminster - lost 3 - 2 overall

Matt & Francis both lost singles 21-19, 21-7
Sam & Jack lost doubles - 21-8
Finally, both Matt & Jack and Sam & Francis won 21-15

2nd Matches v John of Gaunt - won 4 - 1 overall

Matt & Francis both won singles 21-20, 21-14
Sam & Jack won doubles - 21-19
Matt & Jack won doubles - 21-17
Sam & Francis lost final match - 21-12

COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

Well done to all pupils who qualified to represent Kennet in the County Cross Country trial at Marlborough College on Saturday 19th January:-

Adam Stevens - 7RXH
Olivia Hughes - 7PAR
Tony Hogan - 8PXC
Emily Budd - 8EMS
Catherine Russ - 10MXO

All pupils ran extremely well, particularly Catherine who came third in the inter-girls category and will therefore represent Wiltshire at the South West Championship in Cheltenham.

Mr Murdoch

Girls:-

Natalie Willis
Georgina Hollis
Amy Langan
Megan Evans
Jess Bradley



Matches v Warminster - won 3 - 2

Georgina lost singles - 21-16
Amy & Megan won doubles - 21-14
Natalie won singles - 21-20
Jess stood in for Megan and partnered Georgina, they lost 21-17.
The decider was played by Natalie & Amy who won 21-17.

Thanks to our coach John for officiating the fixtures.

Thanks to the following Year 11 boys for scoring the 6th Form matches:

Will Butcher - 11EJW
Matt Harvey - 11EJW
Thomas Wright - 11EJW

Future matches for Year 10 & 11 boys and Year 7, 8 and 9 girls and boys teams will all play to earn the Wiltshire School Trophy.

Good luck to all those who will represent the school.

Mrs Strickland

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