

NewSLinks

Autumn 2011

Welcome back

I'm sure you are all fully rested and ready for the new school term? Being creative with your curriculum? We love being creative too. Just let us know your topics. If anyone still needs project books for this term, it's not too late to give us a ring and we will get a box out to you asap. We have already answered several SOS calls.

Children's Book Week

This takes place from **3rd to 9th October** so you still have time to start making your plans. Remember if you need any specific books contact SLS to organise a loan.

As there will not be any school packs provided by Booktrust this year, you could contact your local book shop or library to see what events are planned for that week. Also take a look at www.booktrust.org.uk



Live author webcasts

Quentin Blake talking, drawing and answering questions live

There will be a special webcast with this popular well known illustrator on Wednesday 28th September 2011 at 2:15-3:00pm BST. All schools are required to register prior to the event so register now at <http://www.quentinblakevirtuallylive.co.uk>

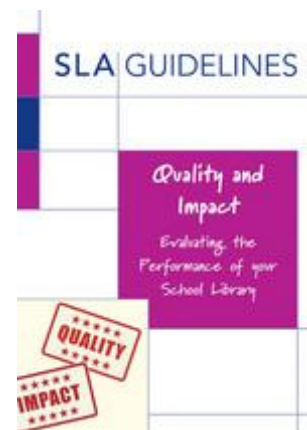
Charlie Higson

Monday 31st October, 2pm – 2.45pm

Special Halloween spooky webcast streamed live. Pupils can submit questions prior to the event. Register at www.charliehigsonvirtuallylive.co.uk

New School Library Association publication

The SLA has released a new publication called 'Quality and Impact: Evaluating the performance of your school library.' These excellent guidelines are available to borrow from SLS.



SLS can also offer an advisory visit to help you to evaluate, improve and get the most out of your school library. Remember if you subscribe to the full service you are entitled to a certain amount of advisory time as part of your subscription at no extra charge. So do not hesitate, give SLS a call to arrange your visit today on 01905 420273.

Would you like to learn more about the reading trends of your school?

The National Literacy Trust are looking for schools to take part in an online survey of literacy in the UK. In return for schools completing this they will provide you with an individual report on the literacy in your school. See their website for more details.

http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/research/annual_literacy_survey_2011



School Librarian of the Year Award 2011

The SLA School Librarian of the Year 2011 Honours List has been announced. This year there are three exceptional school librarians on the Honour List:

Helen Emery, LRC Manager, King Edward VI School, Lichfield, Staffordshire

Wendy Roberts, Senior School Librarian, Ardingly College, West Sussex

Carol Webb, Librarian, Forest Hill School, London.

Congratulations to these three and all who were nominated. Maybe next year we could have a winner in Worcestershire. Look out for nomination forms later this term.

The presentation of the School Librarian of The Year Award 2011 will be presented alongside the School Library Design Award on 3rd October 2011. Our very own SLS manager Dawn Woods has been the chair of the panel this year so we feel very privileged.

Course: The Effective School Library

Would you like more information on how to run an effective secondary school library? If so then this course could be for you.

Geoff Dubber (in association with SLA/SLS) will be running a day course at Kidderminster Public Library on **Tuesday 8th November** 2011, 9.30 – 3.30pm.

The deadline for booking your place is Tuesday 25th October 2011 (however if you book before Tuesday 11th October a £10.00 discount will be given; discounts also for SLS subscribers).

To book a place, complete and submit a booking form to the SLA (booking form available from www.sla.org.uk)



Summer Reading Challenge 2011

Did you realise that the Summer Reading Challenge is still on in Worcestershire libraries until 1st October 2011? If you have any children who are registered but not quite finished please do encourage them to complete their six books. It is a very useful scheme to encourage reading rewarded with a medal and certificate at a special ceremony.

Don't forget to look out for your Booktime packs arriving in November



Contact your local library as SLS has ordered packs for all schools and is sending them out via the libraries who are keen to arrange gifting sessions with you.

Booked Up

The Booked Up Initiative gives Year 7 children free books. The sample titles will be in schools from 5th September and schools then need to place their Booked Up orders by **Friday 21st**

October 2011. <http://www.bookedup.org.uk/>

National Poetry Day

The theme for National Poetry Day this year is Games so you can now start making your plans ready for **Thursday 6th October**. Lesson plans available at

<http://www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk/education>

COMPETITION:

Carol Ann Duffy, the Poet Laureate, has spearheaded this educational project to encourage more pupils to enjoy reading poetry.

A competition has been launched for a group of pupils (any size) to put together an anthology of their poetry. The winning school will then have the anthology published and be visited by the Poet Laureate.

The cut-off date for submissions is: 1st March 2012.

More information is available at www.anthologise.co.uk



Do your secondary school pupils want graphic novels?

Are you unsure what to purchase in this new world? Well why not look to the experts for help. Watch out for the 2012 Stan Excelsior award and its shortlist of recommended titles. You can also take part in the voting.

More information is available at <http://www.excelsioraward.co.uk/>

Or Contact SLS on 01905 420273

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Carnegie and Greenaway Nominations

Have you got a book that you would like to nominate? Nominations are open on the website now. SLS has nominated this year's Worcestershire Teen Book Award winner: Boys Don't Cry by Malorie Blackman. If you would like to join in this year's WTBA contact SLS today.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on 1st March 2012 so book your authors now

Are you struggling for ideas on how to make this World Book Day that little bit special? Why not consider booking the SLS mobile for a special storytime to give a story with the wow factor? If you would like to find out more give SLS a call on 01905 420273.



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