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A Reader's Paradise



The Reading Group
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Welcome to The Reading Group's magazine.
In this edition we're celebrating Easter and the start of Spring!

Meet the team!

- **Jemimah Geddes - Editor**
- **Emma Coker - Competition Writer**
- **Kaniksha Kalaivanan - Genre Of The Month**
- **Isla-Beau Forster - Author Of The Month**

Competition Winners!

Five Word Synopsis - FIFTY Community Points Winners:

Ella-Mae Wynter 7P: Lost dog, adventure, different owners.
- 'Born To Run' by Michael Morpurgo.

Oliwia Gomolka 7P: Harry enters a wizarding world.
- 'Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone' by JK Rowling.

Zehra Khan 7P: Poor Orphans fall down elevator.
-'A Series Of Unfortunate Events, The Ersatz Elevator' By Lemony Snicket.

Miley Gilbert 9S: Innocents meet tragedy through friendship.
-'The Boy in The Striped Pajamas' By John Boyne

Competition Time!

Solve the clues and find out your task to win the competition.

You need to find hidden in this table the following:

1) A UK landmark
2) Richard Osman's famous TV show
3) A title of a dystopian novel
4) A shop name
5) A US president
6) An airport
7) A famous Hawaiian dish

As you find the words, cross them out and you will be left with three words that you will need to write in the sentence below to reveal this week's challenge.

Angel	Of	Spencer
Create	and	Airport
Blood	Red	Games
John	Poke	Poem
House	of the	Road
Marks	International	North
Salmon	Haiku	Bowl
Manchester	Fitzgerald	Kennedy

You need to _____ (a) _____ _____ on the joy of Spring. Take a photo of your completed entry and send it to Mrs Chandler along with your full name and form to: cha@fallibroome.org.uk

First three people to send their correct completed entry will win a special postcard and some goodies as well as having their entry featured in the next issue.



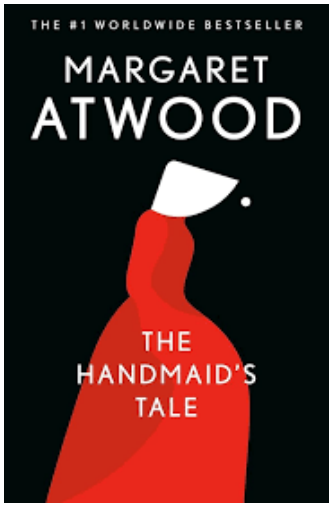
Author of the Month

Margaret Atwood was born on 18th November 1939, in Ottawa, Ontario, to Carl Atwood, an entomologist, and Margaret Dorothy, a dietitian. Due to her father's work, the family spent much of Atwood's early childhood living in remote parts of northern Quebec and Ontario, where they were isolated from urban centres. The family returned to Toronto when she was in her teens, where she attended high school and developed a reputation as a talented writer.

Atwood went on to study English at Victoria College at the University of Toronto, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1961. In 1962 she achieved her Masters at Radcliffe College (a part of Harvard University) and returned to Canada. She began her writing career in earnest, working on poetry, short stories and novels. In the years following, she published several works, including her first poetry collection, *The Circle Game* (1966), which won the Governor General's Award for Poetry.

Some of her most popular works include *The Edible Woman* (1969), *Surfacing* (1972), *Lady Oracle* (1976) and *The Handmaid's Tale* (1985) - a dystopian novel and one of her most famous works.

Now at the age of 85, she still is writing.





Love Poem Entries

Last edition we asked students to write some romantic poems, here are our favourites:

‘My love is like a rose,
My love is like the sea,
My love is like a song,
As sweet as can be.’ - Callie Davies 7P

‘My love for you is like a poem,
A poem that loves you too,
This poem is always here,
In my heart for you.’ - Chanel Thompson 7P

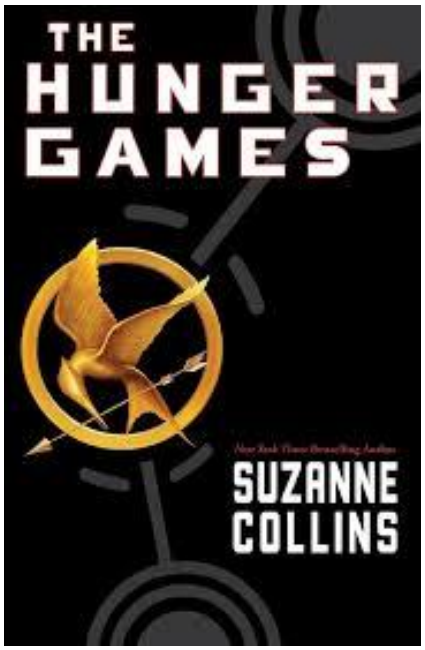
‘My heart beats faster everytime I see you,
My soul feels safe when you are there,
My world crumbles everytime you are not here,
I feel like I am in despair.’ - Zehra Khan 7P

‘The warmest colours of the sunset,
Couldn’t compare to you,
The North Star in the darkest of night;
My true love: that is you.’ - Ava Lanckmans 8C

Genre Of The Month: Dystopian Fiction

Book Review: *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

The Genre of the Month is Dystopian. Dystopian fiction is a type of genre which has an imaginary place which explores oppressive societies and a struggle for survival, making it both thrilling and terrifying. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins is a prime example, following Katniss Everdeen as she is forced into a deadly competition by a ruthless government. When her sister is chosen, Katniss volunteers to take her place. Inside the arena, Katniss must use her skills to survive and face tough decisions. The book shows the dangers of power, violence and how the government controls people through fear and entertainment. With its gripping action, strong protagonist and themes of power and resistance, the novel is a real page turner! *Have you read a dystopian novel recently? Remember, we are always looking for students to write for our magazine and if you'd like to join us, too, we meet Monday lunch-times, Week 2 in C13.*





Community Engagement

Last edition's winning community:

Green

Do you want to earn points for your community? Read on…



For a chance your community could be the next winners, take part in our FIVE word synopsis competition! Write a **FIVE WORD synopsis** to describe a book that you have enjoyed reading to earn **FIFTY POINTS** for your community. These will be printed in our next edition. **Entries in by: 12th May 2025** Entries must be sent to Mrs Chandler: cha@fallibroome.org.uk and contain your full name, form, community colour, the title of the book and the author.

Do you enjoy reading our magazine? Why not get involved and write a book review for us? Email Mrs Chandler at cha@fallibroome.org.uk with your name and form. A treat will be given to those who participate! Good luck and…

Thank you for reading!

"No entertainment is so cheap as reading, any pleasure so lasting."
- Mary Wortley Montagu