

# ST. BERNADETTE'S BOOK CORNER

SEPTEMBER 2020

READING  
NEWSLETTER

## Teachers As Readers



Mrs Canning  
Year 5 Teacher

*What was your favourite book when you were in primary school?*

I absolutely loved to read The Magic Faraway Tree series by Enid Blyton. I desperately wanted to visit the Land of Birthdays and have a go on the slippery-slip!

*What are you reading at the moment?*

I am reading a book by Rick Riordan called The Trials of Apollo. In Year 5, we will be studying Ancient Greece. I want to read lots of books linked to this topic so I can make really good recommendations.

*What type of book do you most like to read?*

I love reading fantasy books, such as The Secret of Platform 13 or the Pages & Co. series. I do not like reading horror or anything scary!

From: Josh Lacey  
To: St. Bernadette's  
Date: 1 September 2020  
Subject: The Dragonsitter

Dear everyone at St. Bernadette's

I'm very pleased to hear that Year 3 will be reading The Dragonsitter this month.

As you'll discover, the book is written entirely in emails (just like this one).

Most of the emails are from a boy called Edward Smith-Pickle, who writes to his uncle, complaining about the behaviour of his pet dragon. The dragon burns the sofa, poos on the carpet, chases the neighbour's cat, sets fire to the postman, and generally causes a lot of trouble for Eddie, his sister Emily, and their mum.

If you like the book, you'll be delighted to hear that there are nine more in the series!

You might be inspired to write some emails yourselves. If you do, I'm sure Mrs Canning will forward them to me. I'd love to see them.

Josh Lacey



Message from Josh Lacey  
Author of The Dragonsitter  
(Year 3 Book of the Month)

## Quote of the Month

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

*Frederick Douglass*

## Book Review by Krisha (Year 5)



Do you like mysterious stories? Are you a bit of a young detective? If so, then I think you will enjoy this book!

This story is about a girl and her friend who have adventures whilst trying to solve a mystery. Agent Zaiba, her best friend and her little

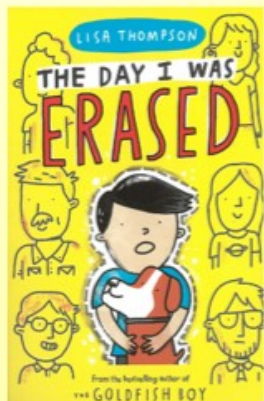
brother are trying to figure out who stole a diamond necklace. I thought the story was mysterious and there were some funny parts too. I liked the main character because she was brave, curious and adventurous.

I would recommend this story for both boys and girls aged between 8-12, particularly children who like solving puzzles!

Message from Lisa Thomson

Author of The Day I was Erased

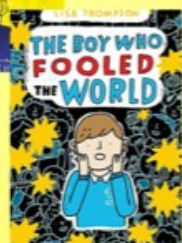
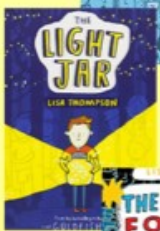
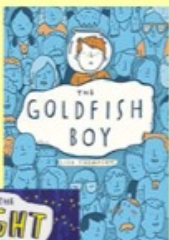
*(Year 5 Book of the Month)*



Dear Year 5,  
I understand that you will be reading my book, The Day I Was Erased, in September and I just wanted to say that I really hope you enjoy it! It is a story about a boy called Maxwell Beckett who is always getting into trouble... One day, things change quite dramatically for Maxwell and his world isn't quite as it used to be. There are some funny bits, some sad bits, and some mysteries to solve along the way. Oh, and there's a dog called Monster who is based on my childhood dog!

Reading is one of my favourite things to do and I hope that you enjoy this book and many more to come.

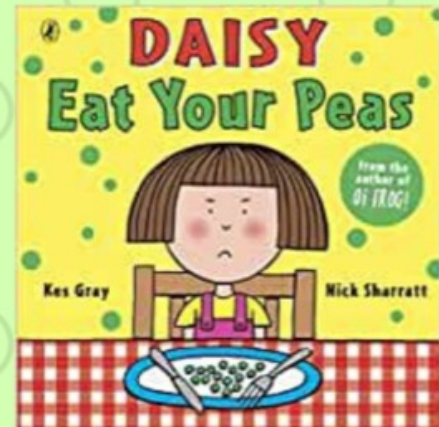
Happy reading!  
Lisa Thompson



Message from Kes Gray

Author of Daisy, Eat Your Peas

*(Year 1 Book of the Month)*



Dear Year 1,  
Daisy doesn't like peas and NO amount of bribery will persuade her to eat them! Eat Your Peas was the first book I ever had published. It pipped Harry Potter to become overall winner of the Red House Children's Book Award and became the inspiration for more than twenty books about Daisy. Today, Daisy still doesn't eat peas. And her mum still doesn't eat Brussels!

Enjoy!  
Kes Gray.



## Tip of the month

Check out Toppsta! It's a book reviewing website filled with reviews of children's books, written by children!

You can register for a free Toppsta account, which will allow you to enter competitions to win copies of books before they are released in exchange for an honest book review.