



BOYS INTO BOOKS

Many schools are now borrowing from the "Boys into Books" collection which was funded by the DCSF. We are offering it to all schools free of charge until the end of the summer term 2009. A number of teachers have visited with groups of boys who have selected the books and then acted as advocates for them in the schools. We have had very positive feedback about the collection.

Paul Sutton at St Joseph's School said the boys have particularly enjoyed the graphic novels in the collection. Thank you to the boys at William Tyndale School who told us about their favourite books and authors ...

Seth 11: My favourite author is Anthony Horowitz. He makes me visualise the story perfectly. I've read all the Alex Rider books and two others called *Devil and his Boy* also *The Falcon's Malteser*, oh yeah and *The French Confection*. He's really witty and action packed. I hope he writes more books. P.S. He's brilliant in his own way. I hope I can meet him.



Asher 10: I really like the library and my favourite author is Anthony Horowitz and my favourite book so far is *Snakehead* I haven't finished it yet but so far it's very good.

Zayn 11: My favourite author is Philip Pullman because he makes me feel like I'm in the story. I like *The Subtle Knife* by Philip Pullman because it makes me want to read more. I also like *Northern lights* and *The Amber Spyglass*, they're so fascinating. I really want to meet him so he can give me tips so I could be a marvellous author.

Jerome 9: I love the Library because it has a lot of Tintin books and all sorts of books and my favourite is *Captain Underpants*.



Maria Galvin, Literacy Coordinator, tells us about The Arsenal Book Club

Two players from the Arsenal Football Club came to St Joan of Arc School to lead an assembly promoting a book club in the school. They gave the school a box of books to get the club started and 86 children immediately signed up. More members of staff had to be recruited to run this popular lunchtime club, and the school bought sets of 10 books to use.

Children and staff are really enjoying discussing books together at the weekly half-hour sessions. As well as reading the books, activities include finding out about different authors, making bookmarks, writing recommendations for other children, and helping with Book Week and book fairs.



St Joan of Arc Library — 3D displays about the Fire of London

SCHOOL LIBRARY PHOTOS

We are really pleased to see so much progress in many of our primary school libraries. A number of schools now buy into the peripatetic primary library service agreement which provides a trained member of staff to run library classes and work on the training of school staff, particularly teaching assistants. We were delighted that the new library at Moreland School opened on time this term and is already having an impact on the life of the



Moreland School Library opening.



Golden Lane Campus. Primary Library Network meeting.

school. It is run by two HLTAs working with support from ELS.

Another new library is on the Golden Lane Campus, home to Richard Cloudesley Primary School, the Children's Centre and Prior Weston School. This library has benefited from having a dually qualified librarian/teacher, Amber Cant who will, sadly, be leaving to return to Australia soon. It is wonderful to see the ways in which she has set up and developed this exciting, attractive learning space, which is also open after school for children and their carers/parents.

The spring term Primary Library Network meeting was held on the Golden Lane Campus. This meeting focused on storytelling using favourite books with toys and props, and was followed by a tour of the school.

NEW STAFF



Hanna Demel: I'm the Finance Assistant and I also work in Artefacts. I love making and mending things, which is what I enjoy most about working here. Of the object collection I like the musical instruments and toys from the past best.

Alix McAlister: I'm the new Artefacts Assistant. My current favourite objects are the replica

characters are so animated I can imagine them coming alive and moving, like the set in "Harry Potter".

And a new addition:

Sarah Gill, whose maternity leave is being covered by Noreen Kingston, has had a daughter. Lily Dulcie May was born on 12 January.



12thC Chess pieces found on the Isle of Lewis. Their



Pooles Park Library. Look what can be achieved with £100, Ikea and lots of imagination.



Left:
The pupils at **Golden Lane Campus** exploring the books in their new library.



Blessed Sacrament. Making good use of the space above the shelves.



St Joseph's RC School. Library and current display on Anne Frank.

SMALL WORLD BOXES

Over the last year we have been collecting objects for a series of *Small World* boxes. These evolved from the "Talking Partners" scheme and are intended for use in small group creative writing work, supervised by a teacher or teaching assistant. Each box has a selection of doll's house miniatures assembled around a theme. Thus far themes have included: familiar settings, Christmas in the past, the garden, seaside and road safety.

The teacher or TA facilitates the session by prompting children to imagine characters and scenarios, making links between objects to create a narrative. There is immense creative potential in taking a selection of just eight objects and asking questions such as "Who might be sitting in this chair?" "How does it feel sitting beside the fire?" "What does the letter say?". Children and teachers have enjoyed exploring the tiny objects and entering the world of miniature to empathise with its fantasy inhabitants.



The chair in the picture is 8cm.

We can make up boxes on most topics. Recently we made a box for pupils at the Whittington Hospital School on "Air Quality" (a GCSE science topic) – we included a fireplace, flat screen TV, barbeque, toy car, candlestick, bicycle and other items to prompt thinking about sources of pollution and green alternatives. The boxes are not intended for unsupervised play – the objects are fragile– so will not be included in a loan unless specifically requested. Please contact the library for further information or to request a *Small World* topic box.

WE'VE MOVED!

IELS is now settled in Elthorne Road.

Archway is not as far to the north as you might think and the library is on a number of public transport routes so do visit if you have not yet done so. Having all of our resources on one floor has had an impact on our work and we have been able to look at ways of integrating the Artefacts and Loans collections. The other bonus has been that the Costume collection is much more accessible and many more teachers are borrowing from this part of the collection.



We are encouraging all schools to hold a staff meeting in the library so that all staff know where we are. We can provide tea and refreshments and can guarantee that staff will enjoy the meeting. Please contact us to book this.

Finally, and a reminder to all, just to let you know that we do have a car park on this site and Michael, the premises manager, is on duty all day and will always find a space for library visitors.

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The Library Service has two websites.

The main website www.iels.org has information about the service, a searchable catalogue, online project loan ordering, booklists and information about children's books and reading.

www.objectlessons.org is an online display of about 200 objects from *Islington Artefacts Library*. The site has high quality images and information on each object.