

Reading@PMGHS #4

POEM OF THE WEEK

Good Books by Edgar Albert Guest
(1881-1959)

Good books are friendly things to own.
If you are busy they will wait.
They will not call you on the phone
Or wake you if the hour is late.
They stand together row by row,
Upon the low shelf or the high.
But if you're lonesome this you know:
You have a friend or two nearby.

The fellowship of books is real.
They're never noisy when you're still.
They won't disturb you at your meal.
They'll comfort you when you are ill.
The lonesome hours they'll always share.
When slighted they will not complain.
And though for them you've ceased to care
Your constant friends they'll still remain.

Good books your faults will never see
Or tell about them round the town.
If you would have their company
You merely have to take them down.
They'll help you pass the time away,
They'll counsel give if that you need.
He has true friends for night and day
Who has a few good books to read.

"One must always be careful of books," said Tessa, "and what is inside them, for words have the power to change us."

Cassandra Clare, Clockwork Angel

A Puzzling Paradox

Stephen Law, The Philosophy Gym

A traveller was walking one day when he met an old man sitting beside the road smoking a pipe.

'The first thing said to you by the first person you meet today will not be true,' said the old man. 'Trust me – don't believe what he says!'

'Ok,' said the traveller. 'But hang on a minute: you're the first person I've met today.'

'Exactly!' said the old man.

It seems that if the old man speaks the truth, then the first thing he says is not true. But if the first thing he says is not true, then the first thing he says is true. Can what he says be both true and not true?

World Book Day 2021

Celebrate World Book day with us...have a look at the World Book Day activities on our school website and twitter.

You will find some great stuff including video clips of teachers reading extracts from their favourite books and a World Book Day Quiz

Book Review of the Week

Thanks to Zainab Rimas Mohamed (7H) for sending in this great review of Crater Lake one of the Bookbuzz books by Jennifer Killick

Crater Lake is a spine-chilling book that talks about how new friendships begin to blossom and how four kids (Lance and his friends Chetan, Katja, Big Mak and Adrienne) escape the clutches of killer bees. Through much hardship the four friends manage to escape the trap of sleep, unlike the rest of Lance's class who turn into honeybee worker zombies who clearly have no mind or thought in them. However, they must escape the leaders of the bee clan - their Deputy Head and Camp Manager! At first, they thought detentions were the end of the world, now it really is the end of the world. Their daring risks made my jaw drop and their humour made me laugh. Beware of sleep! And your headteachers high heels as they are deadly!!! This book made me laugh and gave me goose bumps at the same time. Crater Lake is one of the best books in my list. Perhaps it will be for you too?

