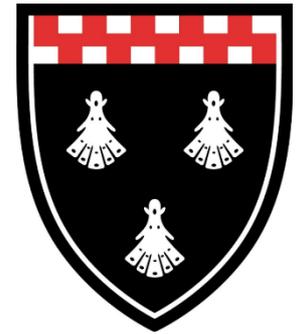




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Welcome to the October edition of our newsletter for Year 7 parents (and Year 5 and 6 prospective parents). In this newsletter, you can see how well our Year 7 students have settled in and all the enrichment activities they are getting involved in. It's notable how many entries we had for the 'Reading in Unusual Places' this year-there's only room for a few of the amazing photographs that were submitted!

Don't forget that you can find a copy of this newsletter- and previous editions- on our school website: <https://www.ponthigh.org.uk/parents-carers/y6-transition-information/>. For regular updates on transition and our Y7 achievements and successes, follow us on twitter @Y7PontHigh. Finally, if you have any queries specific to KS2-3 transition, please contact us via our dedicated e-mail address: Year6questions@ponthigh.org.uk



Reading in Unusual Places!



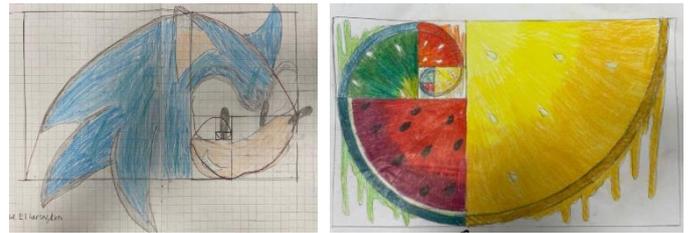
Ms Laws, the school librarian, launched the annual 'Reading in Unusual Places' competition in September. We were delighted with the number of innovative and thoughtful entries ranging from on a treadmill, a trampoline and even a tractor! In the end, the winners were selected as they had all featured an interesting combination of nature and literature in their pictures! In first place: Max from 7DHe reading on a paddle board. In second place: Abigail from CEm reading in a tree. In third place: Matthew from 7NCa taking a break from a bike ride to read on top of a huge boulder in Thrunton Woods!



Buzzing about the Bee Project in Maths!

In Year 7 Maths, students were challenged to create a representation of the Fibonacci sequence or the golden spiral for homework as part of the 'Bee Curriculum'.

Mrs Pickover was so impressed with the entries that she decided to award prizes for the most creative and the best effort homework. You can see the fantastic images produced by the winners Alfie, Rozan, Jasper, Tadek and Corey.



Ks2-3 Book Club



Last Thursday saw the first session of the KS2-3 book club (pictured left). Avid readers in Year 6 at Ponteland Primary joined KS3 readers in F1 with Miss Emmerson. The session included group reading of 'The Bone Sparrow' by Zana Frallion and a tour of the library. If any Year 7 student would like to attend, please see Miss Emmerson in F1.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

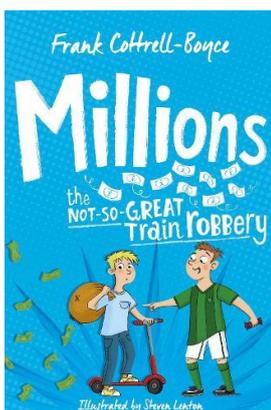
Design a Christmas card and raise money for charity!

The theme of the card can be either religious or non-religious.

- Create this on A5/A4 paper
- Two winners will be chosen and the card will be copied
- Winners get a prize and cards will be sold to staff and family to raise money for a charity (charity chosen by the winner)

Please hand in entries to Miss Naylor in F17 by 8th November.

KS2-3 Recommended Read



Millions Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Two brothers, Damian and Anthony, are unwittingly caught up in a train robbery during Britain's countdown to joining the Euro. Suddenly finding themselves with a vast amount of cash, the boys have just one glorious, appalling dilemma - how to spend it in the few days before it becomes worthless. Torn between the vices of buying a million pizzas and the virtues of ending world poverty, the boys soon discover that being rich is a mug's game. For not only is the clock ticking - the bungling bank robbers are closing in too. Pizzas or World Peace - what would you choose?