



Two Boats School

Newsletter

Friday 7th May 2021



Hello Everyone,
As most of you will be aware I have recently been appointed as permanent Head teacher of Two Boats School.

I am absolutely delighted to take on this role and to carry on the journey I have already started to change the culture of the school, where high standards and expectations becomes the norm, ensuring that every student receives a first class education during their time here with us.

For those who do not know me, I would just like to give you a little insight into my career journey to date. I gained my St Helenian Teaching status in 1990 and was one of the first teachers to teach in the newly built Prince Andrew School. In 1994 I came to TBS as a Science teacher and after a year I was promoted to Senior Teacher in charge of the Secondary School. In 1997 I was then promoted to Deputy Head teacher. The years I spent at TBS the first time round were fantastic and I had the privilege of teaching some amazing students and working with some great colleagues.

In 2007 I decided I needed new challenges and opportunities so left Ascension to move to the U.K. To start with I worked in a number of Swindon schools as a cover teacher with an agency. After getting a permanent job as a TA I studied for my Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry with the Open University and then gained my U.K qualified teacher status from Reading University. With my years of teaching experience I only needed to do a term of induction to secure my teaching status. From there it was onwards and upwards. In my role as Deputy Director in Learning I became a mentor for student teachers and led teaching and learning to teachers with varying degrees of experience across all sectors in the school. I developed a love of teaching pedagogy and my ideas have been shared with many colleagues across Swindon schools. In 2017 I was awarded an excellence in teaching award by Swindon Borough Council, this was followed by me gaining Lead practitioner status in 2018 and becoming a member of the newly formed Chartered College of Teaching.

Having been back here at TBS for almost 10 months I bring to the school a wealth of skills and experience. Teaching has always been a passion of mine and I

have a real desire to see every student here at TBS thrive and be the best they can be.

I would like to thank all those who have supported me, both past and present in my journey to date and to those who will be there as I embark on the new road ahead. I will end here with my favourite quote by Will Durant:

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act, but a habit”.

Tania Maggott

TBS celebrates World Book Day!



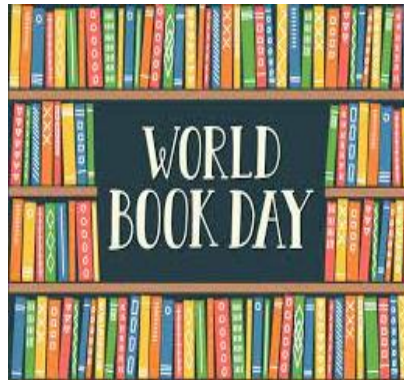
“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” -Dr Seuss



This week, the Primary School took part in World Book Day. This was a day to celebrate all things book related! The children and teachers were asked to come dressed as their favourite book characters. In the morning, all the teachers swapped classes to read the children their favourite stories. Can you guess who the teachers came dressed as?



If you look closely you might see Mr Carthew's/ Mr Twit's horrible beard and fantastic toupee.



Mrs Maggott had the excruciatingly hard job of deciding who our costume winners of the day were – I didn't envy that job Mrs Maggott!! We had so many fabulous entries and we wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers/family friends that helped create these wonderful costumes. Our winners will receive a £10 book token from Scholastic to spend on their favourite types of books!

Our World Book Day Winners:

- **Nursery** – Alysha as the Very Hungry Caterpillar
- **Reception** – Zoe as Moana/Kenzo as The Mad Hatter
- **Year 1** – Gabby as the Frog Princess
- **Year 2** – Shae-Lyn as the Fairy Godmother
- **Year 3** – Kia as Little Red Riding Hood
- **Year 4** – Savannah as Little Miss Sunshine
- **Year 5** – Riley as The Mandalorian
- **Year 6** – Ewan as Harry Potter



Well done to all the children and teachers and thank you so much for your time and dedication to the day. Next week we will announce the winners of the Dream Big writing/picture competition. If you have any late entries – get them to me quickly!! But for now, I think I'll have to spend the weekend washing off my orange face paint and hope I'm not left with an orange perma-tan! – Miss Collard