



# Vernon Park Reading Newsletter

Welcome to our last edition of the Vernon Park Reading Newsletter for this academic year. The Reading Ambassadors have done a fantastic job this year, taking on roles for World Book Day, being judges for the Stockport Book Awards and advocating a love of reading to all of the Vernon Park community.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter and our book recommendations.

The Reading Ambassadors met with Miss Green who talked to us about her favourite childhood book, *Funny Bones*.

## Why do you love this book?

*Funny Bones* is the earliest book I remember having read to me. I used to ask my parents to read it to me every night, apparently from 18 months old!



## How does reading make him feel?

A whole wealth of emotions, it's a great way to learn about people's feelings and practice empathy. It makes me feel calm and relaxed. Able to shrug off whatever pressures I've experienced in the day and escape for a while. I read every night without fail to help me relax.

## Where is your favourite place to read?

Everywhere! Especially on holiday on the beach or by the pool.

## Reading Ambassadors

### Recommendations

This year's annual Stockport Children's Book Awards ceremony was held on Tuesday 4th July, in the spectacular Town Hall ballroom. Mrs Lee and Mrs Calhoun attended the awards with some of our Reading Ambassadors. Vernon Park took part in the vote for their favourite read in 3 age differentiated categories. We are pleased to say, the books we voted for won their category:

**KS1:** *The Drama Llama* by Rachel Morrisroe



**LKS2:** *Max Counts to a Million* by Jeremy Williams

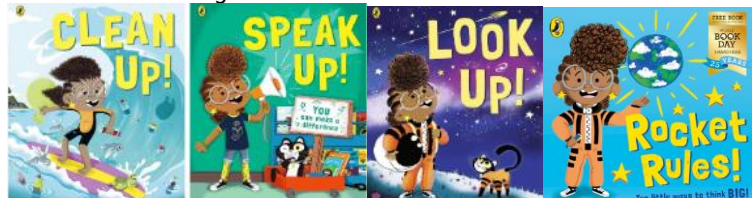


**UKS2:** *The Colour of Hope* by Ross MacKenzie



## Author of the term

**Nathan Bryon** is an actor, a BAFTA nominated writer and a Sunday Time Best Selling Author. His first book *Look Up!* (June 2019) was the number 1 picture book from a debut author and illustrator in 2019, On the Sunday Times Bestseller list and Won the overall Waterstones Children's book prize in 2020. It is a story about hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket who believes she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived! The follow up, *Clean UP!* follows Rocket on holiday to visit her grandparents, when she's shocked by the pollution that's spoiling their island home and putting the local sea life at risk. Can she think of a way to save the day? Illuminated has just optioned the book to develop into a TV series. Nathan's new book in the series is, *SPEAK UP!* where passionate Rocket organises a peaceful protest to save her local library!

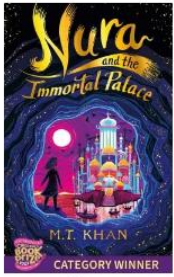


## Reader of the Year

At the Stockport Book Awards, we were extremely proud of one of our students who won Reader of the Year. Mohammed has worked so hard to improve his reading, requesting to take home more books that he needs to each week to keep practicing. Hard work pays off as Mohammed has progressed through 8 reading levels so far this year. A deserving winner, well done!



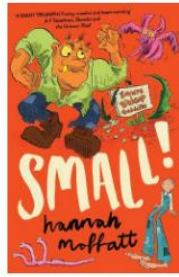
## Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2023



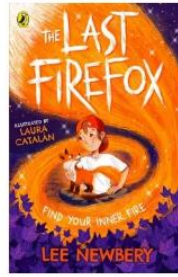
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M. T. Khan



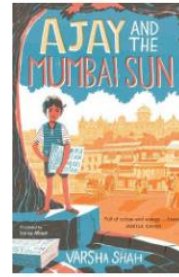
The Book of Stolen Dreams  
David Farr



Small  
Hannah Moffatt



The Last Firefox  
Lee Newbery

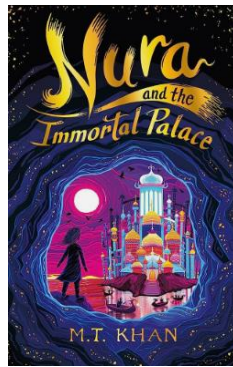


Ajay and the Mumbai Sun  
Varsha Shah



The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries: Drama and Dancers  
J.T. Williams

The above books were all shortlisted in this year's Young Reader category at the Waterstone Book Prize 2023. The category winner was *Nura and the Immortal Palace* by M.T. Khan. A magical adventure rooted in Muslim culture and tradition, *Nura and the Immortal Palace* follows a young girl's journey from modern-day Pakistan into the world of the jinn.



## Stockport Library Summer Reading Challenge 2023



Get ready for an adventure full of team spirit, sporty heroes, and lots of fun during the school holidays, with this year's summer reading challenge. The goal is to read 6 books over the holidays, collect stickers and rewards along the way, with a certificate and medal awaiting you at the finish line!

It's all free, so make sure you pick up your collector folder from your local library. Kick-off is **Saturday 8 July** and the challenge runs until **Saturday 9 September**. You can read anything you like and there will be lots of great events taking place.

We hope you have a fantastic holiday and we look forward to recommending more books and authors to you in the Autumn term. We can't wait to hear about all of the books you read over the holidays.