

Reading For Pleasure Newsletter

MARCH 2013

We are all set to enjoy a month of fabulous reading events....

For more detailed information please refer to your
class newsletters or VLE pages but here is a taster ...

In March classes are visiting Earlham Library

Year 1 are inviting you to dress like a character on **Thursday 7th March...**

Thinking about the **Edible Book Contest** and holding book swaps

Doves and Swallows are hosting **BREAKFAST WITH A BOOK** on 7th March.

Jays and Blackbirds are hosting **BREAKFAST WITH A BOOK** on 8th March.

FRIDAY 8th MARCH- Come to school dressed as a book character....collect your World Book Day token....visit Norfolk Children Book Centre display and use your token. There will be many £1 books available plus lots of others if you wish to add funds to the token value.

Within our classes we will be writing stories, creating books, writing reviews, hosting family reading sessions, displaying our favourite books....we hope to display our book reviews at the local library

EXTREME READING- send in a photo of you reading in an unusual or interesting place....!

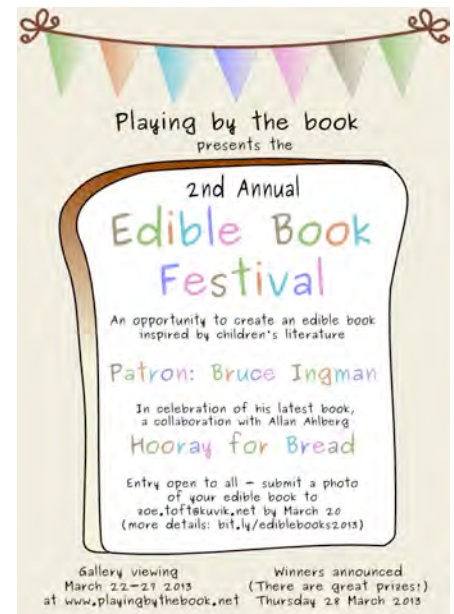
We wish to create a **GIANT BOOK OF BOOKS** in the foyer where people can name their favourite book.

Making Your Own Books

We have already enjoyed sharing Topsy and the Mouse by Bobby Laycock and have challenged the children to create 345 new books by the end of March. Have a look at this website for some nice book making ideas: www.makingbooks.com

We have lots of new books to share with the children-we hope they enjoy them.

BOOK SHARE Thank you for donating books-there are some lovely books in the boxes for you to take...please donate a book back



Great Books by Anthony Browne:

Of course we are currently focussed on the books of Anthony Browne...in respect of our Gorilla project. Have you got any to share or take a look in the library to find some.

Anthony Browne is an internationally recognised author and illustrator of children's books, with more than forty titles to his name. In 2009 he was appointed the sixth Children's Laureate, replacing Michael Rosen and only the second illustrator to hold the post since Quentin Blake. Gorillas feature in many of Anthony's books. He says, "I am fascinated by them and the contrast they represent - their huge strength and gentleness. They're thought of as being very fierce creatures and they're not."

Things you didn't know about Anthony Browne

1. When he was a boy he wanted to be a journalist, a cartoonist, or a boxer.
2. He was once asked to present a programme on children's books, in a cage with some gorillas - but one gorilla bit him badly on the leg. It didn't put him off them, but, he says "you wouldn't catch me going into a cage with one again!"
3. He grew up in a pub and when he was little, would go into the bar, stand on a table and tell stories about a character he'd made up called Big Dum Tackle.
4. He wore short trousers until he was fifteen.
5. He thinks the character, Willy, is based on his own childhood.
6. When he was a boy, he wanted a real trumpet for his birthday, but he got a toy plastic one instead. He says his book, *Gorilla*, was partly based on that experience.
7. He loves rugby and played as a scrum-half for eighteen years.
8. His book *The Tunnel* was inspired by a very frightening tunnel he and his brother used to go down when they were boys.
9. When he was a medical artist, he would often eat his lunch in the mortuary.
10. He says he has never found the perfect pair of swimming shorts!

