

Reading Newsletter

June 2022



Author of the Month



Our new Author of the Month is Jane Elson. There are two main reasons why we have chosen Jane. The first reason is her very popular book, *The Room Full of Chocolate*. This has been one of our most borrowed books at school, and it is also loved by children across the UK and the world! In fact, it has been so popular, it is set to be turned into a film in 2023.

The second reason we have chosen Jane, is out of admiration. Jane has dyslexia- a condition that makes reading and writing a big challenge. We believe she reflects our school value of perseverance. Her website details how she did not give up on her dream of being a writer, and how she manages the condition. Jane also does a lot for children's charities- especially those that support children with dyslexia. Jane is our new hero!

Her website is full of different rooms, all fun and interactive.

www.aroomfulofwords.com

On her website she writes,

"To my readers, why not visit the News Room to read my latest author news. Or you might want to visit Your Writing Room, full of fun exercises to write stories. Or maybe take a virtual trip to visit Moon Dog & Other animals to learn about my inspiration behind my books and how proud I am to be a friend of the rescue charity All Dogs Matter."

On her homepage you can read about her books, where she gets her inspiration from, and how she writes.

"When I am writing a book, the characters live in my head during the day and in my dreams at night and become my friends. When I finish a book and send it out into the world, I actually really miss their company. Being an author is brilliant and has changed my life completely! It's very hard work, as anything worthwhile is but it's bought me many priceless experiences."

Being an author is quite a strange job in that it has two extremes. One part of the job is of course the writing where you have to spend weeks by yourself writing, writing, writing especially when you are on deadline! I am dyslexic and have dyspraxia so it's important to me to be really comfortable when I write, I love to wear my P.J's and snuggle up on the sofa with my laptop. This way it makes it feel like fun because I find I can be more creative when I am relaxed. I can only write for a few hours before my dyslexia makes me feel dizzy and I have to curl up in a ball for a little rest before I can carry on. However, dyslexia is a gift because your brain is wired differently which really helps with my creativity."

Jane Elson Books in the School Library



Reviews from children

Moon Dog

"This reminded me of the books by Michael Morpurgo, but Moon Dog was much funnier! I read it in three days!" Max aged 9

A Room Full of Chocolate

"I read this by myself, then my big sister read it and she is much older than me. We both loved it. Usually, my books go to the charity shops when I have finished them, but this one I am keeping to read again – that's how good it is!" Sienna aged 8

How to fly with broken wings

"I read this at school, and it inspired me and my friends to start a Naughty Boys Book Club! We have reviewed all of Elson's books, but this one was 100% our favourite! We now have 30 members in our club!" Dylan aged 10

Books you could win from the Reading Raffle!

Don't forget - Everyone, every night!

