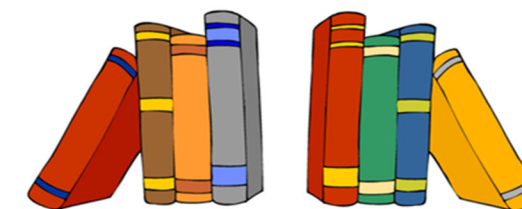


Reading Recommendations Newsletter

Summer 2024



Who better to feature in our summer Reading Recommendations newsletter than our writer-in-residence, former Children's Laureate of Wales, Eloise Williams, and another pupil favourite, author Sam Stewart, both of whom have worked with our pupils extensively this year?

Discover the Enchanting Worlds of Eloise Williams

Are you on the lookout for captivating tales that weave magic and mystery into everyday life? Look no further than the works of Eloise Williams, an award-winning author whose enchanting novels are perfect for readers young and old alike!

WHY READ ELOISE WILLIAMS?

Eloise Williams is a master storyteller who specialises in children's literature. Her stories are known for their compelling characters, rich settings and themes that resonate with readers of all ages. With a knack for blending the fantastical with the everyday, Williams creates worlds that are as believable as they are magical.

MUST-READ TITLES

1. **Gaslight** Step into Victorian Cardiff and follow the gripping tale of Nansi, a young girl searching for her mother. With its vivid historical setting and thrilling plot, "Gaslight" is a must-read for anyone who loves a good mystery.
2. **Seaglass** A beautifully haunting story set in a small Welsh village, "Seaglass" tells the story of Lark and her family as they navigate loss and new beginnings. This novel is perfect for readers who enjoy atmospheric settings and emotional depth.
3. **Honesty and Lies** This tale is set in Elizabethan London. Best friends Honesty and Alice find their bond tested by secrets and betrayal. Honesty, a maid in the royal court, uncovers dangerous truths that could change their lives forever. This gripping tale explores themes of trust, loyalty, and the power of truth.
4. **The Mab** Readers are transported to a mystical realm where the young protagonist, Nia, must navigate a world of ancient Welsh folklore. With the help of Mab, the queen of the fairies, Nia embarks on an adventure filled with magic and danger to save her family and uncover her true destiny.

WHAT SETS ELOISE WILLIAMS APART?

Eloise Williams' writing is distinguished by its lyrical prose and strong sense of place. Her ability to create realistic, relatable characters who navigate extraordinary circumstances makes her books both engaging and inspiring. Additionally, her focus on themes such as family, friendship, and self-discovery ensures that her stories resonate deeply with readers.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE

Whether you're a parent looking for engaging books for your child or a pupil eager for a new favourite author, Eloise Williams' novels are a treasure trove of literary delight. Her stories will transport you to new worlds, ignite your imagination, and leave you eagerly awaiting her next masterpiece.

ELOISE WILLIAMS AND BISHOP VAUGHAN

The work that has been carried out in our school includes writing workshops and readings as part of our Festival of Culture! We encourage all of our pupils to get stuck into her books this summer, and we look forward to welcoming Eloise Williams back next academic year!

Happy reading!



These authors have already made a huge difference to BVS readers, and both contributed extensively to this year's Festival of Culture, with which we ended the Summer term! We hope this will be a springboard into some great reading over the school holidays!

Dive into Adventure with Sam Stewart's Captivating Children's Novels

WHAT MAKES STEWART STAND OUT?

For stories that will offer adventure for our Bishop Vaughan readers, Sam Stewart's novels are the perfect choice! Known for her engaging plots, relatable characters and a touch of magic, Sam Stewart's books will certainly draw readers in!

WHY SAM STEWART?

Sam Stewart's books are renowned for their ability to blend excitement, humour and—all-importantly—heart. Her stories often feature young protagonists who embark on extraordinary adventures, facing challenges that help them grow and learn valuable life lessons. With a writing style that's both accessible and rich in detail, Stewart's novels are perfect for fostering a love of reading.

TOP PICKS FROM SAM STEWART

1. **The Secret of Grimwood** Follow the thrilling journey of Max and his friends as they uncover the mysteries of Grimwood, a forest filled with secrets and magical creatures. This book is full of mystery and adventure.
2. **The Time-Traveler's Diary** When Lucy discovers a mysterious diary that allows her to travel through time, she embarks on an epic journey to different eras, meeting historical figures and learning about the past. This is a fantastic read for those with a thirst for history and excitement.
3. **The Lost Island** Join siblings Jake and Emma as they get stranded on a mysterious island where nothing is as it seems. With puzzles to solve and hidden dangers, 'The Lost Island' is an engaging tale of courage and ingenuity.
4. **Fireblood** Young adventurer Alex discovers he has the rare ability to control fire. As he trains to master his powers, Alex must battle dark forces threatening his world, uncover hidden secrets about his family, and embrace his destiny as a powerful protector.

Sam Stewart's books are not just entertaining; they also teach important values such as teamwork, resilience and the importance of curiosity. Her characters are well-rounded and, like those of Eloise Williams, relatable, making it easy for young readers to see themselves in the stories. The imaginative settings and creative plots ensure that each book is a page-turner from start to finish.

PERFECT FOR BVS READERS

Maybe you are just getting into reading books, or maybe you are already a voracious reader, but either way, Sam Stewart's novels are a great addition to your bookshelf. These stories will captivate minds and leave you eagerly awaiting the next book—which no doubt you will be able to get signed during her next visit to Bishop Vaughan!

SAM STEWART AND BISHOP VAUGHAN

It has been a real pleasure to welcome Sam for several workshop sessions this year! Her enthusiasm for working with young people means that our pupils are always utterly engaged. Her love of her work brims over and it is always a real highlight for our pupils when they have the chance to work with her!

Enjoy your summer reading!



