



# CARDINAL POLE LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER

### An interview with...



**Mr Hall**  
**Headteacher**

#### Do you read regularly?

I do, mainly on the train to and from school. I particularly like non-fiction: I read a lot of it at university, and still feel drawn to it.

#### What was the first book you really enjoyed?

One of my A Level English literature set texts was *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, which really fired my imagination. It has so many themes - life and death, the relationship between nature and science – it gave me a lot to think about. When I was much younger, I loved Winnie the Pooh and Roald Dahl – *The Twits* is an absolute classic.

#### What would you say to people who don't like reading?

Being smart is not something you *are*, it's something you *become* – like being strong. We all start from different starting points. Reading is a key way of helping you to get smarter over time. Also, reading is a great thing to do for your mental wellbeing. It's good for your mind and soul.

#### What are you reading at the moment?

Alastair Campbell used to work in the Government, and now hosts a podcast called *The Rest Is Politics*. I'm reading his book, *Winners: And How They Succeed*, which profiles people from sports, politics, music, and many other fields. The book highlights that real success is simply about working really hard every single day and getting just 1% better as often as you can.

### BOOK SWAP & SALE 2

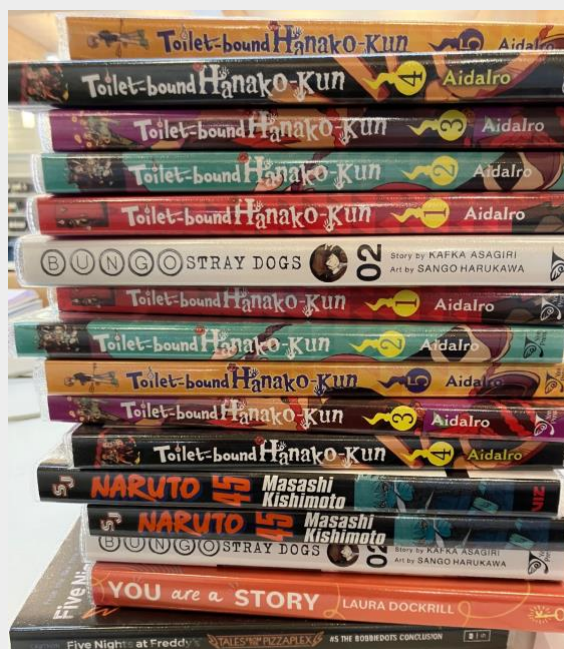
Do you have any books at home which you no longer read? Bring them to the Library during break or lunch and swap them for another book someone has bought in, or one the Library is taking out of circulation.

**Alternatively, buy a book: all books in the swap/ sale are just 20p**

**OUR SECOND-EVER BOOK SWAP/ SALE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 13 JULY**

#### Book recommendations box:

Is there a book you want to see in the Library? Make sure you pop a recommendation in our new box. Here are some of the titles we've added recently...





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We love inviting professional authors into Cardinal Pole School to share their approaches to creative writing. This year we've welcomed Abi Dare, author of the New York Times bestseller *The Girl With The Louding Voice*, Ashley Hickson Lovence, writer of Young Adult novel *Wild East*, and many more. Do you love have a writer you'd love to see in school? Let Ms Walton know.

## WORD CORNER:

**Tenacious**

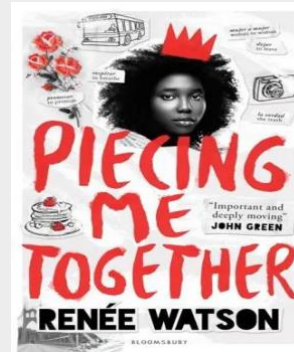
**Meaning: Resilient, able to persevere.**

**Quote:** Tenacious people don't rely on luck, fate, or destiny for their success. And when conditions become difficult, they keep working. – John C Maxwell



## AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT:

### RENEE WATSON



Renée Watson is a #1 New York Times Bestselling author of books for young readers. Her books have sold over one million copies. Her young adult novel, **Piecing Me Together**, received a Coretta Scott King Award and Newbery Honour. Her children's picture books and novels for teens – including **What Momma Left Me** and **Love is a Revolution** - have received several awards and international recognition. Many of her books are inspired by her experiences growing up as a Black girl in the Pacific Northwest. **Her poetry and fiction centre around the experiences of Black girls and explore themes of home, identity, body image, race and class.**

**DID YOU KNOW...**The second longest word in the English language is

**Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia**

**Which means a fear of long words!**