

# Welcome to your Library

The school library is the hub of the school- it is for everyone! It helps support Curriculum for Excellence for both teachers and pupils, provides teaching space through a computer suite of computers, houses some careers materials, and provides a welcoming space for everyone. Library staff can help you find a great book to read- either for school work or just to enjoy!



## What can I do in the Library?



- Read! Books, Large Print books, Books in other languages- including Mandarin and Polish.
- Listen! MP3 Audio Books
- Use computers! Do your homework, research, find jobs.
- Join a club! 4 different Book clubs to choose from!
- Chill! Get away from the hustle and bustle of school...
- Learn research skills using ExPLORE.
- Hear a story -or several!

# Seniors.

You have your very own study zone in the library! This includes some careers materials.



## Useful info:

We are open from:

8am – 14.55 Monday to Friday

8am – 15.45 Tuesday and Thursday

- S1-S3 can borrow 2 books for 2 weeks
- S4-S6 can borrow 4 books for 2 weeks
- There are no fines for late books!



**Library Twitter:** [@BraesHSLibrary](https://twitter.com/BraesHighSchLibrary)

## **The Bibliosaurus! The termly Library newsletter**

Here is the link to the most recent edition:

April – June 2019 <https://sway.office.com/iVbFLZQ7keoGSLN8?ref=Link>



## Staff members



**Librarian:** Mrs Anne Ngabia MBE

**Library Assistant:** Mr Sandy Hagen.

Mrs Ngabia is shared with Grangemouth High School, and is in school every other week. When she is not here, Mr. Hagen looks after the library.

## Pupil Librarians/ Padawans.



We have 4 Senior pupil librarians- (Ellie is missing!)

All pupil librarians also create the termly library newsletter: [The Bibliosaurus](#).

and 18 pupil librarians helping us in the library, who help keep the library tidy, and create displays. This is a great opportunity for pupils of all ages to take on a leadership role within school- as well as have some fun!



# Library Events

- In May 2019 **Red Book Awards**

## Read, Enjoy and Debate

Every year a group from S2 takes part in Falkirk Council's very own **Red Book Awards**. Pupils Read, Enjoy and Debate a shortlist of 4 books. They then vote for their favourite title, meet the authors, and take part in the award ceremony at Falkirk Town Hall in May.

This year we have a special Red Book Awards book club, in the library every Monday lunchtime!

This year's shortlisted titles:



Sky Thieves by Dan Walker

I Am Traitor, by Sif Sigmarsdottir

Sunflowers in February, by Phyllida Shrimpton

Kick, by Mitch Johnson

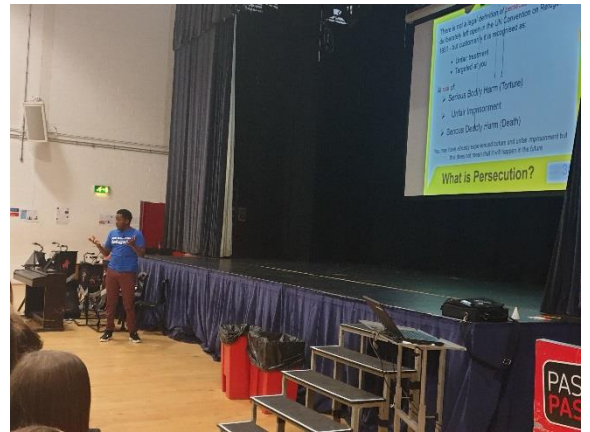
**Sif Sigmarsdottir** came to school the day before the awards to talk to the S2 Red Book Awards class., about writing and the challenges of writing in a language other than her first language (which is Icelandic).

Pupils also took part in a **Skype link to a book club in Kenya**, who shadow the awards. The book club there is a book club initially created by Mrs N. Between a small community library in Mathare slum in Nairobi – run by MYSA (Mathare Youth Sports Association), and the prestigious International School of Kenya.





- In June 2019 we had **Refugee Week**, in conjunction with National Refugee week in Scotland, and the Scottish Refugee Council. S2 pupils all visited the library over the first three days of the week to play the computer game Against All Odds, which is made by UNHCR. The game sheds some light onto decision refugees have to make: from deciding to leave their home country, to arriving in a new one. We also had a visit from a refugee to talk to S4 pupils about his personal experience of being a refugee.



- In December 2018 we had a special fund raising event, with three days of Science fiction! Aliens hid around the school for pupils to identify. We held a cake bake sale, and Gracie Proudlock made a special cake for 'Guess the Weight of the Cake'. **The whole event was organized by pupil librarians.** We are raising funds to create a special 'Amani Zone' in the library: a peaceful, relaxed area for pupils to read in a calm, informal environment

- March 2019 World Book Day. Pupil librarians and staff collected up unwanted books from friends and family, and held a booksale! The books were all sold, and the proceeds of the sale went to purchase a huge floor cushion for our new Amani Zone in the library!



- In December 2018 and January 2019 **Modern Languages** pupils studying French, German or Spanish learned about the culture of the country by hearing a traditional story from that country, and then researching a chateau, a schloss or researched bull fighting. Pupils then reported back on their findings.



# Library Lunchtime clubs

**S1 Book Club.** Fridays. Fortnightly

**S2 Book Club:** Tuesdays. Fortnightly

**Jane Austen Bookclub:** Thursdays. Fortnightly

**S3/4 Book Club:** Wednesdays. Fortnightly.

