

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.
- Hear a story -or several!

The Amani Space- new! Aug 2019!



The Amani Space (means 'peace' in Kiswahili) is a place where pupils can chill to read, or to listen to an audio book. There are also colouring sheets and coloured pencils here, plus some soft toys to cuddle if you are feeling in need.

The space is used by our Therapet dog Jamie on his weekly visits to assist pupils with their reading. The Singing Children of Africa also enjoyed the space when they visited earlier in the year.



S1 and S2 pupils have been listening to folk tales from around the world in English and in Art lessons, and have produced some great illustrations for the stories, which we are making into a wall hanging for the Amani Space.



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>

August-December 2019- <https://sway.office.com/mnVsX6biEcSx59UG?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 (first 4 from left to right), plus all of our pupil librarians who are seniors are now part of the senior school leadership initiative. Here they are showing off their new ties! 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

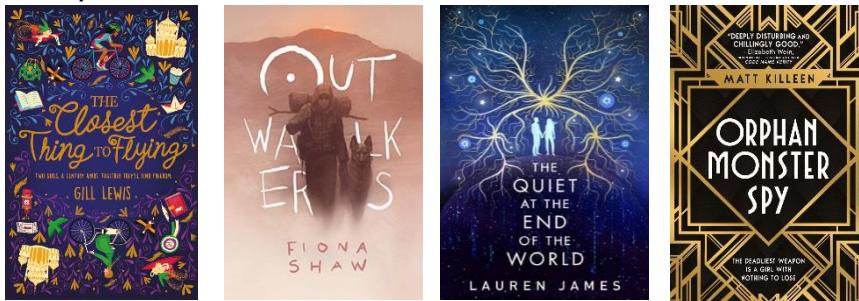
- May 2020 **Red Book Awards**

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.

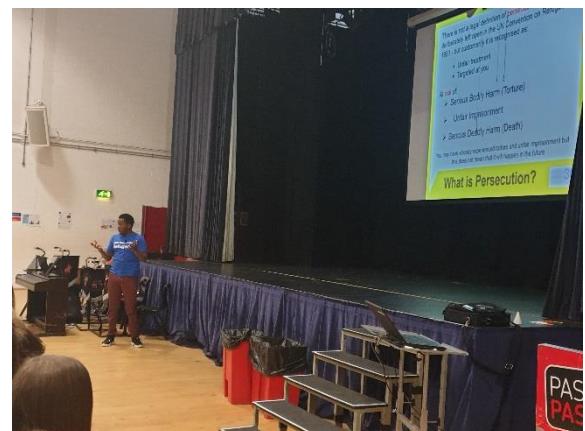
This year we have a special Red Book Awards book club, in the library every Monday lunchtime!

This year's shortlisted titles:



Pupils will also take 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.



- **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.

