

Dear Parents,

I am excited to inform you of the launch of our new library catalogue, which is an online and updated version of what we have previously been using. The new system allows children, parents and staff to access and view our school library catalogue online. The children will be able to reserve books, write reviews and search for new books that they may like to read.

The library catalogue includes many new books, audio and visual resources as well as thousands of approved websites. You can access the system via the school website at: or type in to your browser: <http://u003808.microlibrarian.net> (zero, zero, three, eight, zero, eight).

The first time you access the system it may ask you to install 'Microsoft Silverlight'; please allow this to be downloaded and installed on your computer as the system cannot run without it. There is also an App called 'iMLS' available for iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Android & Windows Phone 7. This App can be downloaded for free. The children will receive their personal login details this week and they will stick them into their homework diaries.

There are various tutorials on the website which will show you how the system works. Please go to:

<https://www.microlib.co.uk/MyMLS/TutorialVideos/Junior%20Librarian%20Pupils/JLforPupils.htm>

You will notice that there is a section for E-Books. There are a few that can be borrowed but the majority of them are trial versions. We would appreciate your feedback on whether this is an extra expenditure that would be worthwhile.

As part of the new library launch, the School Council ran a competition where the children were invited to design a picture for the new library cards. The winner was AJ Ilio in 3C and her design features on the new library cards. Every child in the school will have their own library card and this will allow them to scan the books they want to borrow. The cards will be kept in school but the children will be able to take their library book home.

Not only do we have a new library system but we have also given the library a fantastic makeover! We will put pictures on the website for you to see but over the coming weeks we will be encouraging you to come into the library to see the changes for yourselves and to help your children choose/change their books. More details on that to follow.

Having the library more accessible and having families engaged with reading will help to support our commitment to developing a love of reading for pleasure, so we thank you for your support. Please come and see us if you have any questions.

Many thanks

Mrs Morgan