

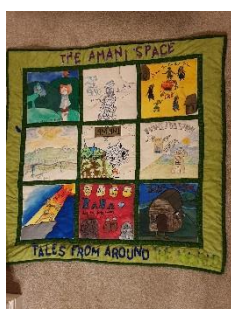
## Annual Report

### What has been accomplished!

#### The Braes High School Library

2019-20

- **Poetry week- October 1<sup>st</sup>.** S1 English classes listened to the **Ballad of The Pied Piper** by Robert Browning (edited) linking in with the theme of TRUTH. More able pupils were able to research the story of the Piper to find out which parts of the story were actually true, whilst less able pupils drew pictures from the poem, and put them beside the verse their picture depicted. The Unicorn poem, by Shel Silverstein was also told to a small supported learning group, who all drew pictures from the poem. *HIGIOSL 3.2 ,1.5*
- **Bookweek Scotland. November.** For Bookweek Scotland we were invited by Meadowbank Public Library to visit them to hear famous illustrator Kate Leiper. A class from S3 Art met Kate and listened to her explain about the process of illustrating a book. *HIGIOSL 2.7*



- **Amani Space.** The Amani Space in the library is a new, informal area for pupils to sit comfortably on cushions to read or listen to an audio book. S2 English classes and S2 Art classes took part in designing a wall hanging for the Space based on Folk Tales from around the world, I went to 8 classes to tell a folk tales from a different continent and pupils had to design a cover for the story. An S6 art student designed the centre panel. Successful pupils from each class then drew their design onto fabric using fabric pens and paint. I then created a wall-hanging by putting it all together. The Amani Space was then launched in December. *HIGIOSL 2.7*

- **The Library Newsletter: The Bibliosaurus**



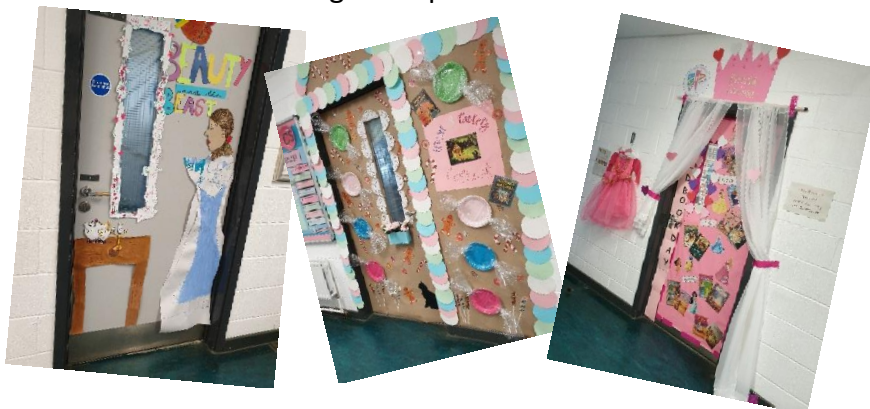
Pupil librarians and book club member

contributed to the December and June issues of The Bibliosaurus. Louise Robertson edited the Sway magazine, and it was made available via library Twitter feed, school website, and to parents via the school App. The Newsletter is full of book and movie reviews, comments, library events and suggestions. *HGIOSL 1.2*

- **P7 Parents evening (Sept 25th).** For the first time the library was part of the parents visit to school with the current P7 pupils. I was able to meet and talk to parents and P7s. We had a board for parents to write down their favourite book, and a 'target' assessment after the talk I gave. *HGIOSL 2.6*
- **Scottish Book Trust Scottish Teen award. November 2019.** The S2 Book club read the three shortlisted books, and voted for their favourite.
- **Christmas.** Pupils- as the last part of their library orientation, created a 'Library' 12 Days of Christmas. *HGIOSL: 1.5*
- **Pupil librarian of the year award.** One of our pupil librarians was nominated for this national award: Louise Robertson. Louise had to write about her achievements in the library. *HGIOSL 1.2*
- **Martin Luther King display- January 21<sup>st</sup>.** A display of books and pictures depicting information about this great man and the civil rights movement in the USA. *HGIOSL 2.2 1.5*
- **Valentines.** We had a 'Romantic Couples' display:- of romantic couples from some famous- and not so famous- books. *HGIOSL 1.5*

- **World Book Day March 2020.**

As World Book Day was on a week I was not in school. This was mainly organised by the English department. *HGIOSL 2.7 2.2 1.5*



**International Womens Day. March 2020.** A display on the display board in the corridor, supported by posters of fiction featuring strong female characters positioned around school, supported a book display in the library. There were also 2 quizzes about famous women. *HGIOSL 3.1*

- **Library in Lockdown.** See attached report. Includes:
  - Red Book Award
  - GrangeBraes great lockdown bookshare
  - S1 Journey to Jo'Burg
  - P7 transitions video
  - Recording of stories
  - Harry Potter daily
  - National shelf service

### **Conclusion.**

The library has continued to grow and expand its horizons through the year. More departments are now involved with library events, and working together is becoming more normal. Unfortunately Lockdown stopped us reprising Refugee Week in June, which worked so well last year.