



CATERHAM SCHOOL

Caterham School Pupils 'Shadow' the Carnegie Medal Judges

Jane Damesick, School Librarian, and Lucy Thomas, Joint Second in the English Department, have arranged for a group of pupils to 'shadow' the judges in this year's Carnegie Medal competition.

There are seven books short listed for the prize this year and the group will read all of them before choosing their winner. The official panel of judges will announce their winner on June 25th. It will be interesting to see if they agree with our 'panel'.

The short listed books are:

- ~ Airman by Eoin Colfer
- ~ The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness
- ~ Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd
- ~ Creature of the Night by Kate Thompson
- ~ Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- ~ Black Rabbit Summer by Kevin Brooks
- ~ Ostrich Boys by Keith Gray

Note: The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to the writer of an outstanding book for children. It was established in 1936, in memory of the great Scottish-born philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919). Carnegie was a self-made industrialist who made his fortune in steel in the USA. His experience of using a library as a child led him to resolve that "if ever wealth came to me that it should be used to establish free libraries." Carnegie set up more than 2800 libraries across the English speaking world and, by the time of his death, over half the library authorities in Great Britain had Carnegie libraries. The winner receives a golden medal and £500 worth of books to donate to a library of their choice. The medal is awarded by CILIP: the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals.