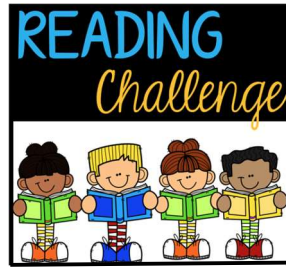


LIBRARY NEWS



The *St Francis Reading Challenge* is still underway and there are LOTS of children who have read **40** books! Here are some facts about the number 40:

- **Forty** is the only number in English whose letters appear in alphabetical order.
- There are **40** spaces on a standard Monopoly board.
- In literature **40** is the number of thieves Ali Baba clashes with in *The Arabian Nights*.
- It took chemists **40 attempts** to develop the magical spray we know as **WD-40** (full name: Water Displacement, 40th formula).
- In religion, 40 seems to be shorthand for “a long time.” Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness. The great flood lasted 40 days and 40 nights. The Jewish people wandered the desert for 40 years.

Another fact.....at St Francis of Assisi Primary School there are 83 students who have read 40 books! This means together they have read 3320 books!! **That's amazing!**

The challenge continues until the end of the term. Please encourage your child to keep reading and to bring their sheet in for stamping and stickering – they love this!

A big congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge this week:

Benjamin Ryan
Mia Carter
Paige White