




LET'S CREATE

ISSUE 2



Genre: Sport

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter. Every week we will post this publication on class charts to give you some fun tasks to do. In this week's newsletter:

Author of the week: Dan Freedman writes books in the Sport Fiction genre

Let's read: An extract from 'Jamie Johnson The Kick Off' by Dan Freeman

Let's write: in 100 words or less: the best entry will feature in the following weeks news letter

Let's play: Word dial including the solution to last week's challenge

Let's solve: Mind bending maths challenge including the solution to last week

Let's recommend: A book review from Taylor Roberts - Year 8



Author of the week: DAN FREEDMAN

Dan Freedman is best known for his hugely popular series of Jamie Johnson football novels (Scholastic UK) which have been adapted for TV by the BBC and have sold more than 800,000 copies worldwide. Before becoming an author, Dan worked with the England football team, travelling with them to two World Cups. Dan was managing editor for The FA for seven years. He interviewed the likes of Messi and Ronaldo and has been to two World Cups as part of the official England Team group. He was also part of the official delegations to meet the Queen, the Prime Minister and Nelson Mandela.



Dan has made over 2000 school visits during the last ten years and it was those experiences that inspired him to write Unstoppable.

You can follow Dan on social media.

Twitter: @DanFreedman99

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Hi Alison,

I'm really happy to say that today is the publication day of Unstoppable in paperback!

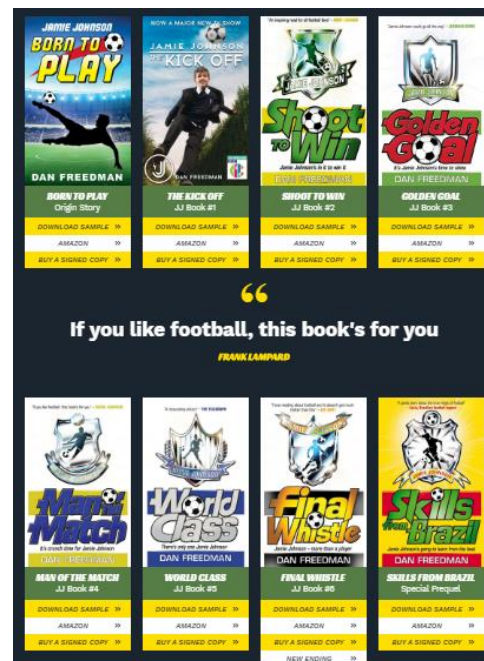
I've been absolutely delighted by the response to the book so far and some of the messages I've received have really been quite moving.

It took five years to write so I'm really excited to hear that, for those readers who really get into Roxy and Kaine's story, they often seem to read it within one or two days.

The aim was always that it would be a realistic book about a family under pressure that young people could relate to.

If you have had a chance to read the book, do let me know your thoughts. All feedback is welcome. I think it's ideal for Year 7 up to Year 10 but do let me know your views.

A letter from Dan Freedman to our very own Librarian, Mrs Saunders



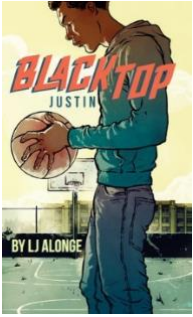
Let's read – Sport genre



Short History of the Girl Next Door

by Jared Reck (Goodreads Author)

This is a heart-wrenching story of first love and basketball. Matt has loved Tabby, his best friend and neighbor, for as long as he can remember. When a terrible accident changes everything, Matt isn't sure he'll ever recover.



Blacktop Series

by LJ Alange, illustrated by Raul Allen

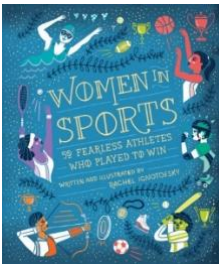
This series contains four short novels, each featuring a different member of a basketball team in Oakland, California. With plenty of drama on and off the court, these books are perfect for YA readers that love smart, realistic fiction.



Tumbling

by Caela Carter

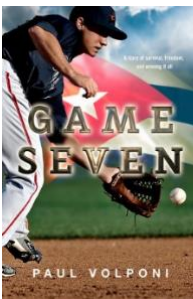
Told from the point of view of five Olympic gymnasts, *Tumbling* shines a light on the challenges of women's gymnastics. With behind-the-scenes drama, politics, and fierce competition, this endearing YA novel will keep you glued to the page.



Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win

by Rachel Ignotofsky

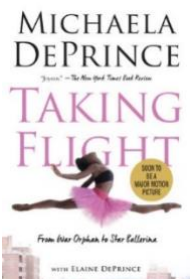
This beautifully illustrated book features 50 profiles of female athletes from the 1800s to today. With infographics, art, and tons of facts, this is a must-have book for active teens and anyone interested in the history of women in sports.



Game Seven

by Paul Volponi

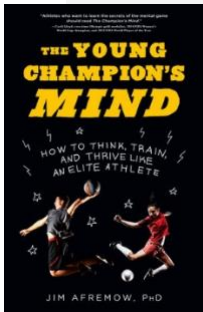
When Julio gets the chance to defect to the United States from Cuba, he must brave the danger and uncertainty that come with it. Set against a baseball backdrop, *Game Seven* tackles themes of family, immigration, and loyalty.



Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina

by Michaela DePrince and Elaine DePrince

From an orphanage in Sierra Leone to the stage in America, this is the memoir of Michaela DePrince and her rise to ballet stardom. A true story of perseverance and rising above the odds, *Taking Flight* is an inspiring book that every young *dancer* should read.



The Young Champion's Mind: How to Think, Train, and Thrive Like an Elite Athlete

by Jim Afremow, Ph.D.

In this YA adaptation of *The Champion's Comeback*, Afremow offers a wide range of advice specifically tailored to teen athletes. It's an actionable guide to getting in a healthy mindset, reframing your goals, and enjoying your sport, even when faced with competing commitments and pressure.

Let's read

One sweet strike from his left foot. Then Marsden would know who Jamie Johnson was, all right.

He could have smashed it on the half-volley but he let the ball bounce to give himself that bit more time.

Then he swivelled and, with his right foot planted in the ground and his left knee bent all the way back, he got ready to snap through the strike. He wanted to rifle it into the net.

But, just as he was about to crack the ball home, he was hit by a cyclone of a challenge.

Dillon Simmonds, a human truck, had driven straight into Jamie, catapulting him into the air. Jamie found himself lying winded on the ground. His dream goal had been ripped away from him.

Write
own

of a sporting event you have experienced. It could be your goal, when you learnt to swim or your first PE lesson at Send in your creative writing - 100 words or less - and it could appear in next week's issue.



Let's Write

your
account
first
school.

Let's play



Last week's solution = 9 letter word IMPATIENT

AMINE	AMEN	ANTE
INAPT	IMPATIENT	INEPT
INTIMATE	INMATE	MAIN
MEAN	MANE	MEANT
MINE	MIEN	MINT
NAME	MITTEN	NAPE
NEAT	NEAP	NETT
PAINT	PAIN	PANE
PATEN	PANT	PATENT
PATTEN	PATIENT	PENT
PINT	PINE	TAINT
TIMPANI	TENT	TINT

This week's word dial



Make as many words as you can which all contain the central letter - at least one word will use them all.

Four-letter word minimum. No proper names or plurals. Words are all from Collins Concise Dictionary.

Lets Solve

Can you Solve this?
 IF
 January = 717
 February=8216
 March=5315
 May=3515
 June=4624
 THEN
 April=?

Last weeks solution: The Answer is APRIL = 5420

First digits gives the number of letters in the word

Second digit is sequence of month

Next number is multiplication of first two numbers

This week's brain buster:

The following shapes equal the numbers

1, 2, 4 and 6

Can you find which symbols match up with which numbers so that these two math problems both work?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Green Circle} \quad \text{Yellow Triangle} \quad \text{Blue Circle} \\
 - \quad \text{Purple Square} \quad \text{Blue Circle} \quad \text{Blue Circle} \\
 \hline
 \text{Yellow Triangle} \quad \text{Blue Circle} \quad 0
 \end{array}$$

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 \text{Yellow Triangle} \quad \text{Blue Circle} \quad \text{Green Circle} \\
 - \quad \text{Blue Circle} \quad \text{Blue Circle} \quad \text{Yellow Triangle} \\
 \hline
 \text{Blue Circle} \quad 0 \quad \text{Purple Square}
 \end{array}$$

Let's recommend

Book Review

Book review by: Taylor

Title: Ultimate Football Heroes Messi

Author: Matt and Tom Oldfield

Non fiction ☐ Fiction ☒

What is the book about?

Barcelona Football legend Lionel Messi - his family and friends are worried about his height to play football but on the other hand he becomes the best player in the world.


Who would this book be suitable for? Age/interests

This book is suitable for children that are interested in football and that are aged 6.

Would you/would you not recommend the book? Why?

I would recommend this book because it is interesting, knowledgeable and funny. This book is really good for someone who likes or is interested in football.

Illustration



Rating (colour in) ★★★★★

Best Book Review this week!

by Taylor Roberts – Year 8

Quote of the week:

