

## Summer News 2014

Thank you if you have followed the Foul Play: Brazil World Cup episodic story.

Print off your [Foul Play Brazil certificate here](#).

Find out more about the Foul Play series and read the story [here](#).

Our 2014 World Cup reading activities have been downloaded over 120,000 times and used by schools around the world.



Find out about my **Tour De Leeds Libraries** and download your literacy pack and free story [here](#).



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**NEW BOOK** - [Over the Line](#)

My new book published by Barrington Stoke is out now. <http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2014/mar/31/book-doctor-quidditch-games-in-childrens-books>



Tom visits the settings of his WWI book, *Over the Line*.

It has been described as a powerful historical novel about one footballer's experience in World War I, based on the little-known history of the Flanders Cup. It's 1914 and Jack is making his debut as a pro footballer. But his first match is marred by a demonstration demanding that the teams sign up to do their duty in France. Word of the Footballer's Battalion and a cup in Flanders provides a glimmer of hope that Jack can keep his dream of playing for England alive. But as the war drags on, Jack is thrown into a nightmare world he will be lucky to survive. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 10+

"Over the Line shows the special place of football in creating a whole regiment during the first world war" The Guardian

Click [here](#) for more.

## World Cup (12 June - 13 July) National Literacy Trust Resources

Our 2010 World Cup reading activities were downloaded over 100,000 times and used by nearly 2,500 schools.

Use ideas from the FREE World Cup Toolkit, published on 7 May 2014, giving you plenty of time to build on pupil's excitement.

Read aloud the FREE World Cup Episodic Story Foul Play Brazil by Tom Palmer, published on the National Literacy Trust website before 8am every weekday from Wednesday 11 June to Monday 14 July.

Register your interest to get the latest [here](#)

[http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/schools\\_teaching/world\\_cup\\_2014](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/schools_teaching/world_cup_2014)

Check out these articles by some brilliant teachers on how they promoted literacy during their pupil's excitement about the World Cup. Click [here](#) for more <http://tompalmer.co.uk/schools-librarians/articles/>

## 2014-2018 First World War Centenary Resources

Visit the new online resource from Barrington Stoke packed with information on World War 1. The site explores the themes of the novels *Over the Line* by Tom Palmer and *Tilly's Promise* by Linda Newbery, covering topics including soldiers in the trenches, football and football battalions, nursing and the Home Front.

The site is designed to be accessible to a range of children, with lots of video content and short, punchy stories, diaries and other specially-created reading materials. There are activities linked to the videos, and there are teachers' guides, playscripts, downloadable posters and other materials suitable for use in the classroom.

Click [here](#) for more [www.readingwar.co.uk](http://www.readingwar.co.uk)

## Awards News

[Black Op](#) won the 2013 Solihull Children's Book Award thanks to voting by children in the borough's schools.

[Ghost Stadium](#) is currently shortlisted for Leicester Libraries Our Best Book Award 2014.

[Ghost Stadium](#) has just been selected for the new Bookbuzz reading programme from Booktrust, which supports schools to encourage reading for pleasure, independent choice and develop a whole school reading culture.

Click [here](#) for more <http://www.bookbuzz.org.uk/about-us/>

Thank you for reading. Please do feel free to get in touch or pass this on to others who may be interested.

We do try to keep a tidy database but our huge apologies if this is accidently cross-posted.

If you wish to unsubscribe, please email me back.

Best wishes

Tom