

Wednesday 26th February 2025

Re: World Book Day 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Thursday 6th March** our school will be celebrating World Book Day to encourage children to read for fun. This letter is to inform you about the learning and activities planned to mark this fun and important event.

The theme this year is 'Read Your Way.' This campaign asks everyone to let go of pressures and give children the joy of reading on their own terms.

Dressing up - On World Book Day, children will be invited to dress up if they would like to. They can either dress up as a character from their favourite book, or they could bring in an accessory which is linked to their favourite book – for example bringing in a wand for the book, *Room on the Broom*. Alternatively, children could simply wear their pyjamas and bring in their favourite book to talk about. If you would like some ideas, there are great low-cost options on the World Book Day website <https://www.worldbookday.com/celebrate-world-book-day/dressing-up>

Assemblies - We will hold special World Book Day assemblies to celebrate storytelling and reading for pleasure.

The Big Library Launch - We are ready to launch our brand-new library space as part of World Book Day. Our library volunteer team (parents of Kilmorie) have been working away behind the scenes, dedicating their time to create an inspiring and welcoming space for children to read for pleasure. The library is now equipped with brand new furniture and books, all thanks to your generous donations.

Our library volunteer team will officially open our library at our World Book Day assembly. All classes will have an opportunity to visit the new library over the coming weeks.

Reading Buddies - As we do every year, older children will visit a class of younger children to share a favourite book together. This has always been a favourite part of the day.

Author Visits - We have author workshops organised for various year groups across the school.

The following authors will be visiting our school:

- Andrew Weale is an award-winning picture book writer and poet, author of the prestigious Red House Award winner *Spooky Spooky House* and other titles including *A Quiet Day in the Jungle* and *Dinosaur Doo*. He is also a professional actor.
- Katy Hudson is an author and illustrator of some best-selling picture books including *Too Many Carrots* and *A Loud Winter's Nap*
- Yasmin Ali is a Poet and spoken word artist
- Merlynn Tuwizana is the author and illustrator behind *She's Beautiful Inside & Out*
- Joséphine Seblon is the author of *Mini Architects* which introduces children to art through fun and easy craft projects

After school - To raise money for our new library we will be holding a book and cake sale at the end of the day in the playground weather permitting otherwise in the music room. As well as this, the authors will be promoting and selling their books in the playground or music room depending on the weather.

The library will be open after school on World Book Day for parents and carers to come and take a look at this wonderful space.

DON'T FORGET – CHILDREN AND PARENTS/ CARERS WE NEED YOUR EXTREME READING COMPETITION ENTRIES!! *Where is the strangest place you have ever read a book?
What is the weirdest and most wonderful thing you could be doing whilst reading?*

We would love you to share a photograph of yourself reading in a unique place (safely supervised)! You might choose to read a book, comic, magazine or leaflet. Your photographs will be displayed at the front of school for all to admire and the most imaginative entries will win a prize. See previous letter for further details [Kilmorie Extreme Reading Competition](#)

Bring in a hard copy of your photographs (or email them to the office for the attention of Maria (Assistant Head of Lower Phase) preferably by **Friday 28th February not March as incorrectly stated in my previous letter – apologies for this** OR if you need a little longer then **Monday 3rd March** would be great too.

Yours faithfully,

Maria (Assistant Head teacher)