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**Mission Statement** “We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.”

27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents,

### **World Book Day 2024 Thursday 7th March**

We are delighted to announce a series of events for World Book Day that will span the next 2-3 weeks.

#### **Story Explorer Drama Workshops ~ Thursday 7th March**

All classes from Reception to Year 6 will all receive a visit from ‘West-End in schools’ - This company provides professional West End Performers who will deliver Story Explorer Drama Workshops. By exploring children’s books through drama, children have the chance to experience storytelling first-hand. Using techniques drawn from professional theatre, they will gain confidence alongside a new understanding of the characters and themes as they live and breathe the story. Reception, Years 1 and 2 will attend a workshop connected to the book ‘We’re going to find the Monster’ by Malorie Blackman and Key Stage 2 connected to the novel ‘Matilda’ by Roald Dahl

#### **Whole School Activities**

Children will be asked to come to school as their favourite book character OR choose 3 items that explain their book. (For example red shoes, a witches hat and a stuffed lion for The Wizard of OZ) and we will all try to guess the title. During the day each child will have a chance to show their costume or props at our world book day parade. All classes will participate in a World Book Day live lesson from BBC Teach.

#### **Class Activities**

Each class will also discuss their favourite books and authors - we will have a variety of online lessons and virtual author story times

We will make time for -‘drop everything and read!’ sessions and explore a number of new authors and titles linked to our free World Book Day vouchers. These vouchers are given to all the pupils in the school and can be used in exchange for a selection of £1.00 books or towards another book of your choice. Please check this website for details

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

Each class will also have their own focus. For example, we have signed up to virtual author sessions. During this week Year 5 and 6 will visit EYFS and Key Stage 1 and be their storyteller for a session. They will share a favourite book from when they were young!

Parents in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are invited to visit Year 1 or 2 during the week of 4th March to share your favourite book with the class. You can of course share your book in your own language. Please see the class teacher at the gate to arrange.

#### **Wizard School**

Please see PTA for more details - they are holding a Wizard School on Friday 8th March after school with many

exciting activities.

### **Visit ~ Adisa ~ Performance Poet**

On Wednesday 13th March we are very lucky to have a visit from Adisa who is a performance poet' He will hold a poetry workshop with Years 3 and 4.

### **Sponsored Reading Bingo**

The PTA have devised a fantastic Reading Bingo activity for your children to complete during the month of March. Teachers will set the task in class, so keep an eye out for the sponsor form! A way to encourage reading for pleasure at home, whilst also raising money for books in class.

### **Tower Hamlets Creative Writing Competition**

We are also asking children from Year 1 ~ Year 6 to participate in a creative writing competition run by Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service. If the children win, they are invited to Tower Hamlets Town Hall for a special ceremony. Their stories are also published together and sent to all the schools in Tower Hamlets. Last year eight of our pupils were winners - an amazing achievement!!

The children are asked to write a short story up to 500 words long or a poem up to 25 verses long. The theme this year is 'Discover'.

Class teachers will set up the competition for their classes which may take the form of homework or classwork. We hope you all encourage your child to enter the competition.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Moore