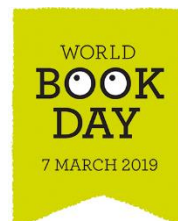


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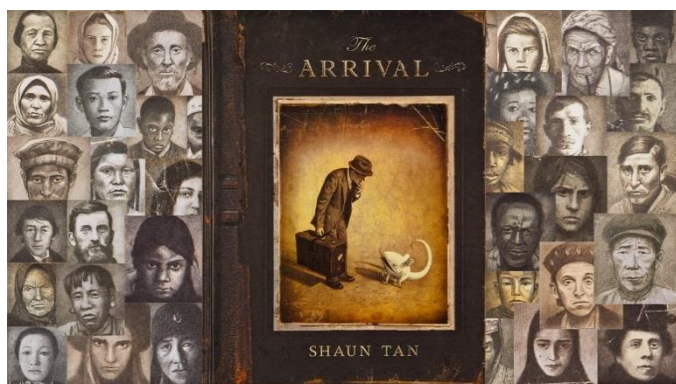
Monday 4th March, 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: World Book Day 2019

World Book Day is nearly upon us and we are really looking forward to it here at Our Lady Catholic Primary School. World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading.

This is the 22nd year that there's been a World Book Day and, on the 7th March 2019, children of all ages will come together to appreciate reading...very loudly and very happily! The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own. That's why we will be giving all of the children at Our Lady's a special Book Token! When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller (there are lots of them out there!) and swap it for one of the TWELVE exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books. Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead. The World Book Day book tokens are valid from **Thursday 28th February to Sunday 31st March, 2019.**



To further promote the joys of reading, we are also joining in the celebrations at Our Lady's by taking part in a wide range of fun, stimulating activities. This year, each class will be basing their work on the fascinating picture book, called 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan, which tells the story of a man who moves to a strange new land and leaves his family behind. To

celebrate the themes within the story and to add some enjoyment to the day, we are asking children (and staff) from Reception to Year 6 to wear something that represents the country that they are from! Some children might choose to wear the National Dress of their country's flag, for example, red and white to represent the flag of St. George. We hope you all have fun planning and creating your costumes!

The day itself will begin with a Costume Parade – in which children and staff will parade their costumes in front of the rest of the school. There will also be prizes awarded for the most creative costumes!

STORY TELLING SESSIONS IN OUR INFANT CLASSES:

We are very lucky to have some special story-tellers coming into our school on World Book Day to dress up as characters from stories and to perform their stories out loud of our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. We are really looking forward to these exciting sessions with the children!

AUTHOR VISIT:



As part of our continuing World Book Day celebrations, we are also delighted to announce that the much-loved, award-winning and bestselling children's author, Billy Bob Buttons, will be visiting our school next week, on **Thursday 14th March**, to work with all of our classes. Billy Bob Buttons' latest book has sold over 40,000 copies in the last six months and, three years ago, it won the UK People's Book Prize, one of the biggest literary awards in the country. Billy Bob Buttons will be working with Reception to Year 6 in a series of interactive and enjoyable workshops throughout the day. Children will also be able to purchase signed copies of his books on the day.

WORLD BOOK DAY ACTIVITIES/GAMES:

If you are suitably enthused and would like to find out more about World Book Day activities, games and other enjoyable activities which includes both downloadable and interactive activities, go to: www.worldbookday.com

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining your local library if you are not yet members.

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous - so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child. At Our Lady', our aim is that every child will be excited about all of these activities and grow in their love of reading!

As always, thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Richard Curry

