

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year **World Book Day** in the UK falls on **Thursday 7th March**.

World Book Day is the biggest celebration of books and reading ever mounted in the UK. It began as a UNESCO initiative and is celebrated in countries around the world. It promotes books and reading for enjoyment of all encouraging children to explore the pleasures of literature and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

Children will be receiving their £1 book token which can be spent on one of the specially made £1 books available in bookshops and supermarkets or it can be used for £1 off any other book.

If you would like more information about World Book Day and the £1 books available, then please visit the World Book Day website at www.worldbookday.com/books.

At Enfield Heights Academy, we decided to celebrate the whole **World Book Week** from Monday 4th February to Friday 8th March and allow everyone to immerse themselves in wonders of children's literature: having fun with many events and activities throughout the week. Thursday 7th March is a half day due to parents consultations.

Here are the highlights of the week:

Monday 4th March – AUTHOR's VISIT

Enfield Heights Academy is thrilled to announce a special visit from the renowned author, **Josh Lacey!** We will have the privilege of having Josh spend the day with us, promoting the joy of reading and sharing his incredible stories with our children. Josh Lacey is a master storyteller, known for captivating readers of all ages with his imaginative tales and delightful characters. His books are not just stories; they are gateways to new worlds, sparking the imagination and fostering a love for reading. The children will participate in engaging sessions where Josh will share insights into his creative writing, inspirations, and the joy of reading for pleasure.

Tuesday 5th March : Gallery in the hall: SHOE BOX COMPETITION

The Shoe Box Competition will be set on google classroom for over the half-term (please check it out) your mission will be to create a 'Story in a Box'. Please encourage your child to get creative and use a small box or shoe box to create a scene from a story. Children can choose from their favourite book and decorate the box (inside and out) to represent the different parts of the book. On this day, children will bring their Story in a Box and take it to the hall where all the story boxes will be displayed. The competition will be judged and there will be one winner from each class who will be awarded a special book prize to suit their age group. A separate letter with further explanation will be uploaded on Google Classroom.

Wednesday 6th March: GUESS THE MASKED READER; READING BUDDIES and BOOK SWAP

Masked Reader: Children will have the opportunity to listen to some masked readers and they will have to guess who they are. This is definitely going to be an exciting event; there could be some familiar faces and some surprises along the way!

Reading Buddies: In the afternoon, reading buddies will make this day a super special! The children will enjoy reading buddies and join another class for a session of reading for pleasure together, e.g. 15 children from year 2 will go up to year 5 and 15 children from year 5 will go down to Year 2. Younger readers particularly Reception

children will benefit from stories read to them by older readers from 6 to promote our Force for Positive Change driver as well as reading for enjoyment.

Book Swap: Our Outreach Team will set a stand for BOOK SWAP from 3pm until 4 pm outside the main office. Please bring a book from home to be swapped for another book on offer.

Thursday 7th March: DRESS UP DAY/ MASKED READER UNVEILING

The children and staff are invited to **dress up as their favourite book character**. Please don't feel you have to spend money on a costume. Costumes made at home are fun to create and look just as good, or a costume could be borrowed from a friend. We will have a costume competition for the **most creative costume** in each class and all the class winners will get a bookmark and a certificate.

Please help your child to design a costume to show off characteristic features of their favourite story character. Please send in their favourite book to school too. Children will be expected to talk about the choice of their character and why they like the book they have brought to school.

We will start the day with a special assembly where the unveiling of the masked reader will take place.

A bell will ring throughout the morning at various times, to signal STOP (what you are doing) and READ.

Please remember that the children finish at 1pm to accommodate parents consultation sessions which will start at 1.15pm. No clubs or afterschool clubs will be running that afternoon.

Friday 8th March- MEGA STORY STORYTELLING

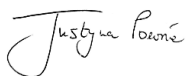
Throughout the week, each class will contribute their ideas to a Mega Story (whole school write) that will be read and celebrated during Friday's Assembly. The mega story's theme will all be based around our school values and being a Force for Positive Change.

Parents/Carers' involvement:

We warmly invite you to take part in it if you can; we welcome all the parents and carers who could come and read stories to their child's class in English or your mother tongue to celebrate multicultural aspects of our EHA community. Please speak to Miss Michael or your child's class teacher if you can help. It would be great for children to hear stories in different languages. Thank you.

We hope that the World Book Week will be a massive success.

With my very best wishes,



Headteacher