



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

RGT/JDN

23 February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

As you will know Thursday 2 March is World Book Day and we will be celebrating in true HGS style with several fantastic events.

Firstly, we have decided that Year 13 WILL be able to take part - as we have managed to move a few events around and they will have completed their exams by this point. So please get involved. (Year 11 will have their own non-uniform day when they have completed their mock exams).

As you would expect for World Book Day, we will be having a non-uniform day and encourage all students to attend school dressed up as a character from a book. As always, we ask for a donation of £1 either in cash on the day, or via ParentPay. One of the charities we are supporting will be Give A Book (<https://giveabook.org.uk/>) which is dedicated to promoting books and the pleasure of reading, particularly with disadvantaged children and in places such as prisons and schools.

In addition to costumes, we have a series of fireside-read sessions in the style of Jackanory (many parents will remember this from their youth). These will take place in the school Library Hub at break and lunchtime where staff and 6th form students will read extracts from their favourite books; at present we have Total Recall, Hairy Maclary, A Thousand Splendid Suns, To Kill a Mockingbird and, one for the horror genre fans, IT. We wonder if you can guess which teachers are reading each of these.

Throughout the week we will ask students and staff to carry around their favourite book, or their current read, and we encourage everyone to ask questions about what others are reading.

English teacher, Miss Wilkinson has planned bespoke lessons on reading and World Book Day that will be delivered by the department to KS3 classes. Our school librarian, Mrs Whitelaw, will be running the traditional Hecky Literacy Treasure Hunt as well as the bookmark competition (which I am led to believe was pretty fiercely contested last time, and not without controversy), so students in all years are encouraged to get involved. There will be fabulous prizes to be won.

Please keep your eyes on our social media posts for photos of the events that are taking place - it promises to be a great week of events and a wonderful World Book Day.

Celebrating literacy and a love of reading should not just be the domain of primary schools; books are hugely important in our society and in our school, and we hugely appreciate your support for this event.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Tipler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Mr Tipler

Deputy Headteacher