



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

As you may be aware, Thursday 5 March is World Book Day and we will be celebrating in true HGS style with several fantastic events across the entire week, outlined below.

Firstly, as you would expect for World Book Day, we will be having a non-uniform day and encourage all students, including Sixth Form and Year 11, to attend school dressed up as a character from a book. This should be a notable effort with regard to costuming to make it clear who their character is – more than just a single item of clothing. Full-face masks are not appropriate. This year, we are also providing a sizeable prize to the department who creates the team-effort costume. Who will be the winning department? Watch this space!

Throughout the day, we will encourage 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. To really make the most of the time and effort put into sourcing and styling a World Book Day costume, students will be able to parade their attire in our Fabulous Fashion Show in the Swann Hall at lunchtime of the day, where points will be awarded for the total number of costume entries per House as well as two prizes per house for the best dressed! The £1 donation you have already contributed via ParentPay will support various charities, including [Give A Book](#) 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, Mrs Whitelaw will also be running the annual bookmark competition across the week of World Book Day where students are required to design a bookmark with a literary theme in the hope of winning a prize. The winning bookmarks will also be printed and available to use in reading books throughout the year – a way to really keep Literacy alive.

If all that wasn't enough, Year 7 will be provided with a bespoke World Book Day lesson during one of their English lessons this week. This will provide them with information about how World Book Day came to be, as well as taking part in fun activities such as designing some bunting based on their favourite book and sculpting their favourite characters.

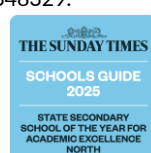
Finally, for the past two World Book Days, the pesky Mr Tipler has been a menace, stealing books from Mr Roberts. This year, Mr Roberts has finally taken a stand. He has stolen the two missing books back – plus another as pay back! Detectives will be needed once more on Friday lunch time to solve 'The Case of the Stolen Book – A Revenge Most

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Sweet! Much like last year, teams of up to three students are welcomed to come along to The Library to begin their scavenger hunt to see if they can figure out which of the fifteen books has been stolen from Mr Tipler, with prizes for the fastest teams.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Wilkinson', enclosed within a faint, light grey circular border.

Miss J Wilkinson

Whole School Literacy Coordinator, Second in English and Teacher of English