

Dear Parents,

World Book Day is a global event which celebrates the power of books and reading. This year, it falls on Thursday 2nd March 2023, and Parkside's library has been tasked with organising the celebrations. We want to make this year's World Book Day memorable, as the pandemic has stifled any previous attempt over the past few years. So, we're writing to explain what's in store for your child, and – most importantly – how your child can take part.

Dressing-Up

World Book Day will be a dress-up day. We're inviting your child to come to school dressed as a character from a book of their choice. These costumes don't have to be complicated, so please don't feel the need to buy a whole new outfit. Your character, however, should feature in a book: film stars and TV characters are strictly off-limits. If you come in dressed-up, please bring a £2 donation for Parkside's library.

If your child would rather not dress-up, they need to come to school wearing normal school uniform.

Competitions

We will be running a series of competitions to mark World Book Day. They are:

- An artwork competition.
Parkside's library is looking for new book-inspired pieces of artwork to furnish its walls! So, in collaboration with Ms Matine and the Art Department, we're running an artwork competition. If your child's work is selected for the library, they will receive a prize.
- A creative writing competition.
Let your imagination run wild with this creative writing competition. Entries can be fiction or non-fiction, and based on the prompt 'the library'. They must be no longer than 500 words. Teachers from the English department will have the task of judging, and the students whose work is selected will receive a prize.
- A reading competition.
The student who reads the most on Sparx reader in the week of World Book Day will receive a prize.
- An extreme-reading competition.
What's the strangest, wackiest and most unusual place you can think of reading in? Take a picture of yourself reading there! The best pictures, judged by the librarian, will receive a prize. Please make sure you are safe when taking the picture.

The deadline for all of the competitions, apart from the reading competition, is Monday 27th February. Please use this Microsoft Form for digital submissions: <https://forms.office.com/e/PDyJR9dDdR>. Any artwork should be handed in to Ms Matine, and any physical copies of creative writing or photos should be given to the librarian. Please encourage your child to take part!

Events and Activities

During World Book Day lunchtime, a bake sale will be running, with all proceeds raised going to Parkside's library. There will also be a book-exchange: if your child has any old or unread books, they can swap them – at a small charge – for books of their choice!

There will also be activities and workshops in the library, throughout break and lunchtime. These might – sneak preview – include a selection of new books being unveiled... Wait and see! Regardless, your child should pay a visit to the library at some point during the day.

We hope your child enjoys World Book Day. The more they get involved, the better it will be! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us, at anna.cano-martinez@parksidecc.org.uk. Or, your child could simply come to the library. We'll always be happy to help.

Yours Faithfully,

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