

MEADGATE BOOK FORTNIGHT 2018: Monday 26th February – Friday 9th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

From Monday 26th February, Meadgate School will be celebrating reading and our love of books. Teachers are once again planning a range of book-centred activities to excite and engage your children but we would also like to invite you to help your children make the most of book fortnight by getting involved with reading too.

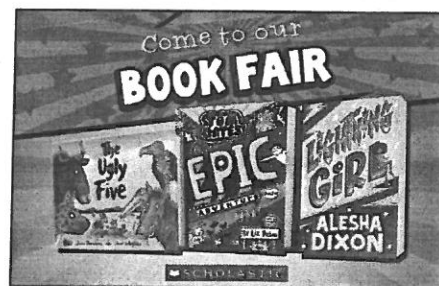


Share a Story

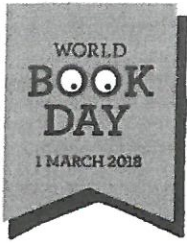
Share a Story is a fun, nationwide event, where families with children and young people of all ages share the pleasure of reading and stories together at home. This highlights the importance of families **spending just 10 minutes a day reading and sharing stories**. We are encouraging children to read with their parents and older siblings are being invited to read with younger brothers and sisters, too...anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime! In the park, on the bus, on the sofa, reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time – it's not just for bedtime. Attached to this letter you will find a **Share a Story parent guide** to help you on your way or to give you some new ideas about making books part of family fun. Your child will also be bringing home a **Share a Story- Reach for the Stars challenge**. If all 20 challenges are completed and signed off by **Tuesday 6th March**, your child will win a special **Share a Story certificate and the chance to win a new book from our book fair!**

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic book fair will arrive on **Wednesday 28th February** and be in the school for one week. The fair will be open every afternoon from 3.10 until 3.40. As always, there will be a very good range of quality fiction and non-fiction available to purchase. There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

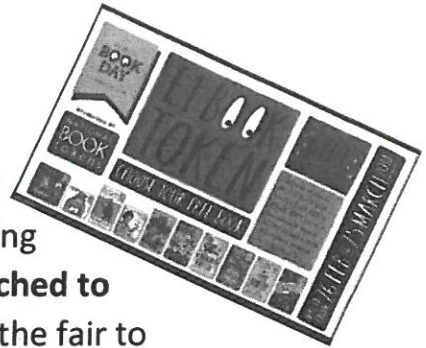


Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school. All books bought by you will earn the school commission in new books so we appreciate your custom very much.



World Book Day: Thursday 1st March

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help each child on their reading journey, each child has a **£1 voucher attached to this letter** which they can use anytime at the fair to



purchase books at a reduced cost. The voucher can also be exchanged for a special £1 World Book Day books available at book stores.

On World Book Day there will be lots of exciting activities going on around the school and a special assembly where teachers will be sharing their favourite books too!

Character Day: Friday 9th March

On Friday 9th March we will end our celebration of book fortnight with our two traditional challenges:

KS1 will have a dress up day – your child can come dressed as a book character!

KS2 need to come with a clue! We would like to invite the children to bring or wear to school an item that gives a clue to a book character from one of their favourite books, (e.g. a Gryffindor scarf, a bucket of dinosaurs, a peach) and to bring the book with them to school.

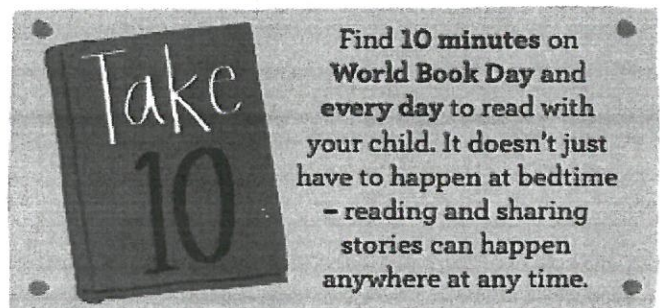
We will have a chance to see everyone's costumes and creativity and guess some clues in a special book assembly that day and teachers will be awarding special certificates for enthusiastic, determined and improving readers.

Look out for photos of all the events on our school website and in newsletters.

Happy reading!

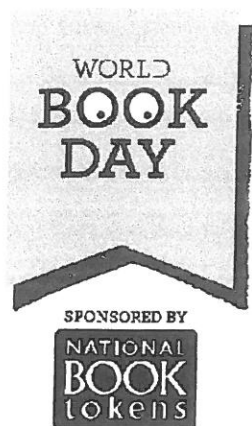
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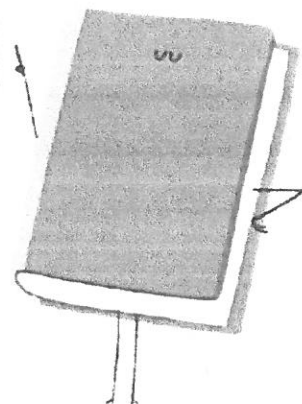


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FOR 10 MINUTES TODAY



REACH FOR THE STARS READING CHALLENGE

This activity has been created to encourage reading at home. Tick a reading challenge each time it is completed. When you have ticked all the stars, ask your parent or carer to sign it in return for a certificate and a chance to win a new book!



1

Read to a pet

11

Read a poem

2

Read at bedtime

12

Read a book you picked at the library

3

Read in your pyjamas

13

Read a book by an author you've never read before

4

Read wearing a hat

14

Read recipe instructions – and try it out!

5

Read to someone else

15

Read in the bath – careful!

6

Listen to an audiobook

16

Read at a different time of day when you wouldn't usually read

7

Read your favourite book with a blue cover

17

Read a book that makes you happy

8

Read a story about animals (of any kind!)

18

Read a book that your friend has recommended to you

9

Read somewhere unusual

19

Switch off the TV and read instead!

10

Take it in turns to read a page aloud with someone else

20

Find and read a short story in a newspaper, magazine or comic

Signed: _____

