



14th February 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK CHARACTER & POETRY COMPETITION

Thursday 5th March 2020

This year, we are continuing with our successful and exciting performance-based competition for Years 3-6. This competition links heavily with World Book Day and will give the children the opportunity to perform to a live audience, dressed as their favourite book character.

At school, performance is something that the children rarely get to participate in, unless they complete it as an extra-curricular activity, therefore we strive to give the children as many performing opportunities as possible. At Barrow Hedges, we have many dance and singing opportunities and activities, however the chances to act within a performance are not as frequent – particularly for Years 3-5. Therefore, this competition is aimed at providing the children with the platform to perform to a live audience.

Children are asked to choose a book character and create a performance based on this personality

The categories are as follows:

1. BOOK CHARACTER: Monologue

Children should choose a character from a book that they have enjoyed and write their own 1 to 2 minute monologue to perform.

2. BOOK CHARACTER: Dialogue

Children may wish to perform as a pair to present a conversation between two characters in a book they have enjoyed.

3. POETRY: Individual

Choose a poem that you like or have written and learn it with expression and action to help bring its message across to the audience.

4. POETRY: Pair

Choose a poem that you like or have written and learn it with expression and action to help bring its message across to the audience.



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In all cases, the children are encouraged to dress up. The performance requires dramatic expression and clarity of speech and should leave the audience wanting to read the book and find out more about the character.

The performance will be to Years 3-6 on World Book Day 2020.

I will be available to advise pupils and help them with their performances should they need it.

If your child would like to take part, please complete the attached application form by 28th February.

Yours sincerely

*Miss Edwards
Year 6 Year Group Leader
Maths Subject Leader*

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO MISS EDWARDS BY NO LATER THAN 28TH FEBRUARY

Name of child _____ **Class** _____

My child would like to enter the World Book Day Character and Poetry Competition.
I confirm that I will ensure that I have discussed this letter with my child so that they understand what is involved.

Chosen Book Character _____ (monologue)

Chosen Book Characters and Names and Classes of Performers (dialogue):

1. _____ performed by _____

2. _____ performed by _____

Title of poem (individual or pair):

Name and class of partner performing the poem with your child

Parent signature: _____ **Date:** _____