

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 4th March, the UK and Ireland celebrate World Book Day. The event has been running successfully for many years and further details can be found on their website, www.worldbookday.com

It is a day on which thousands of schools participate in a range of activities associated with reading. To that end, every boy at Bedford Prep School will receive a digital book token that he will be able to redeem at most bookshops. The book token will enable your son to purchase special books produced for World Book Day. These can be found here:

Years 3 – 6:

https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf

Years 7 - 8:

https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_SecondaryUK.pdf

Unfortunately, this day comes just a touch too soon for boys to be able to celebrate World Book Day in school on Thursday, but we would like to encourage them to dress up for the day nonetheless, so we are able to enjoy a remote learning day in the costume of a character from a book. Even Mr Silk will be dressing up on the day! So, your son should dress up as a favourite character, and there will be prizes for the most imaginative costume. If your son would like to enter the competition, then please ask him to dress up and send a photo of himself in costume. In Google Classroom there is a class called World Book Day 2021. The code to join is ict2rf3 and there will be links to various authors and activities, as well as areas where boys can send in their photos.

If he decides not to fully dress up, he could always wear an unusual hat or maybe a bow tie to his lessons that day. He can also enter the competition for 'reading somewhere creative' – for this, he should take a picture of himself reading in an imaginative location. In addition, Year 4 will be engaged in some remote sessions with our fantastic Patron of Reading, Steve Skidmore.

The emphasis of the day is to have fun, but also to inspire the boys to read more extensively. We recommend that your son reads for at least 15 minutes in the evening (and they are never too old to read to you!).

Yours in anticipation

Dominic Affleck
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