



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through
Faith, Hope, and Love

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With St Therese as our guide we do little things with much love to make a big difference for everyone.

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WORLD BOOK DAY 7th March 2024
Reading Gives You Wings...

Dear Parent or Carer

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March 2024, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this celebration. The day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child will receive a book token. This can be redeemed for one of the exclusive, new and completely free World Book Day books available from participating booksellers or used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook instead (find a full list of booksellers in your area at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>).

World Book Day 2024 will celebrate that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun.

When I asked my Reading Ambassadors about what they'd like us to do for World Book Day they came up with lots of ideas – some of which we have included into our day. Here is the activities that we will be doing on World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024:

1. Our Reading Ambassadors have said how much they enjoyed it last year when we wore our **pyjamas/onesies for the day**, so they'd like us to do it again! They would like everyone to **bring in a cushion/blanket/small soft toy** to use during our many reading sessions throughout the day.
2. Linking to the theme above, School Council and Reading Ambassadors will be selling hot chocolate at break and lunch to raise money for our new Prayer Garden (an excellent place to read) and new books for the classrooms.
3. World Book Day Poster Competition. Our School Council and Reading Ambassadors have come together for this exciting competition. The children will have the opportunity to design a poster to be displayed around the school promoting reading. The poster must include our motto '**Reading Gives You Wings**'; **it must be A4 sized and be hand drawn**. There will be a KS1/EYFS winner and a KS2 Winner - these will be chosen by our Reading Ambassadors. **It is £1 to enter** – again we are raising money for our Prayer Garden (which will be a fantastic place to read) and to buy new books for the classrooms. Entries can be handed to the Reading Ambassadors or the class teacher in each class and must have the child's name on and £1. Entries must be in by **Wednesday 6th March**.
4. All classes will be doing activities related to Reading for Pleasure. KS2 will be engaging with two different online sessions through the BBC and the National Literacy Trust. KS1 and Reception will be looking at the Share a Story Corner on the WBD website.

5. Our work during the day will be based around a book called '**Here We Are - Notes for Living on Planet Earth**' by **Oliver Jeffers**. This book links in with our catholic social teachings and virtue of **love**. Written as a manual to life on Earth from new dad Oliver Jeffers to his baby son, this simple, life-affirming picture book is both an overview of Earth and a guide to living well: concepts of kindness, tolerance and environmental responsibility flow seamlessly into the sparse but perfectly judged text. Each class will produce work to share with the school during a whole school assembly in the afternoon.
6. Please **send your child's favourite book in with them** (labelled) on the day so we can read it with them/they can share it with their friends.
7. Parents/carers/friends/family will be invited in to school to read with your child/children. There will be **two sign up times 8.50 – 9.20 and 2.40 – 3.10** and we would love to see as many of you as possible – dads too. School Council and Reading Ambassadors will be selling hot chocolate, tea and coffee during this time to raise money for our new Prayer Garden (an excellent place to read) and new books for the classrooms.
8. Due to popular demand, we are very pleased to announce the return of the St Joseph's Book Swap on World Book Day. We are asking every child to bring in at least one gently used book to school. If you have additional books in good condition that you are willing to donate, we welcome them! This will increase the variety of books from which the children can choose. On the day of the event, each child will have the opportunity to pick one book to add to their home library.
9. Finally, we would like to invite you to join in the book swap too. We have previously done this as staff, but would welcome you all to join in the fun too. We will set up a table for the swap in the hall. If you have a good book that you would like to swap for another, please bring it into the hall, preferably at the start of the school day, however the table will be there all day so do pop in at a convenient time to you. Why not tie it in with coming into share a book with your child/children in their classroom?

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining your local library if you are not yet members. Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous—so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.

Thanks for your continued support and remember that 'Reading Gives You Wings...'

Mrs J Knight (Literacy coordinator)