

5 October 2023

Dear Hadley Phase 1 Parents

500 Words - Writing Competition

The BBC are running a writing competition called **500 Words**, which is open to children in two age groups, 5 to 7 and 8 to 11. More information can be found by clicking this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

We are inviting all children to join in this exciting competition. Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

50 finalists, along with their parents or carers, will be invited to attend a grand final next February at **Buckingham Palace!** Not only will the bronze, silver and gold winners of each age group have their stories read by celebrities, but the event will be shown on a special 500 Words programme with The One Show, on World Book Day on 7 March 2024.

All the finalists will receive a £20 National Book Token and their stories will be recorded and published.

The winners in each category will receive an array of prizes. As well as their stories being read out by celebrities, they will all receive a bundle of books.

- The 2 gold winners will receive the height of Sir Lenny Henry in books and their schools will receive 500 Books.
- The 2 silver winners will receive the height of Her Majesty, Queen Camilla in books.
- The 2 bronze winners will receive the average height of a 7 or 11 year old in books.

All the children need to do is write a story in 500 words. It can be about anything that makes a story great and inspires them.

- The story needs to be typed up.
- The story needs to be saved on Showbie.
- Your class teacher will show you where.
- The school will submit the entry.
- The deadline is Friday 3rd November 2023.

In order to submit the story, we need to have your permission. If you would like your child to take part, please **complete and return the slip** below to your class teacher by **Friday, 3rd November 2023**.

Many thanks

Mrs Burns
Assistant Principal Phase 1

500 Words Writing Competition – Deadline, Friday 3rd November 23

Name of child:

University:

I give permission for my child's story to be submitted to the 500 Words website as part of the competition.

I do not give permission for my child's story to be submitted to the 500 words competition.

Signed: Parent Name: