



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to inform you about an incredible opportunity for your child to unleash their creativity and participate in the **BBC 500 Words Competition!**

This prestigious writing competition invites children between the ages of **5-7** and **8-11** to write a story they would love to read in **500 words or less**. It is open to any and all children. Spelling, punctuation, and grammar will not be marked – the main focus is **creativity!**

### Prizes and Opportunities:

- 50 finalists will be invited to a glamorous grand final at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver, and gold winners in each age category will have their stories read by celebrities.
- Winners will receive a bundle of books, and gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library!
- Additionally, the winning stories will receive an original illustration from famous artists like: Dapo Adeola, Nigel Parkinson, Lydia Monks, Momoko Abe, Rob Biddulph, or Yasmeen Ismail.

**How to Enter:** To participate, your child simply needs to write a short story and submit it to their class teacher by **05.11.2024**. We encourage you to inspire your child to write a story they would enjoy reading – whether it's an adventure, a mystery, or a fantasy! Any applications after this date will not be submitted by the school.

Once we have all the entries, we will select 1 from KS1 and 1 from KS2 to be submitted on behalf of the school. However if your child is not selected, you are more than welcome to submit their story yourself, at home, following the link below **before 9pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/submissions-fe/index.html#/profile>

This is a wonderful chance for your child to express themselves through storytelling and maybe even see their imagination come to life in an illustration or read aloud by a famous face.

If your child is interested in taking part, please feel free to reach out to your class teacher. Let's encourage creativity and make this a fun, memorable experience for our young writers! Good Luck

Warm regards,

Singlewell School

