



Ravenscote Junior School
World Book Day Newsletter
Spring 2024



Firstly, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to all the children who participated in our World Book Day celebrations. It was fantastic to see so many enthusiastic readers dressing up as their favourite book characters and engaging in book-related activities. The love for reading was truly palpable throughout the school!

The theme for World Book Day 2024 was **'Read Your Way,'** calling on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice – and a chance – to enjoy reading and make reading fun.

It provided a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure, supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits.

World Book Day champions the 'Six Elements - One Reading Superpower'

The evidence base shows there are 6 building elements which support a child to read for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and at school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!



Over the course of the day we held a variety of activities and events. The day kicked off with a whole school assembly which celebrated our love for books and reading. Costumes were shared and the staff took part in a character cat walk. A highlight of the children's day was a Ravenscote edition of the Masked Reader - staff went under the cover of a virtual disguise and the children had to guess who was under the mask. A real emphasis of the day was reading for pleasure and autonomy of reading. The children worked on book reviews and creative activities based on their chosen book. We finished the day with Years three and six coming together to read to their buddies and we held a 'Ravenscote BIG read' This gave the children the chance to share books with their peers and discover new stories. The book fair was a huge success and all funds will go towards enhancing our book selection for the children.



Following the success of World Book Day, we are planning to continue fostering a love for reading among our students. I encourage you to take this opportunity to visit your local library with your child and explore new books together. Reading together not only strengthens your bond but also nurtures your child's imagination and language skills.

How we can all help our purple people:

As we move forward, I would like to remind you of the importance of establishing a regular reading routine at home.

By setting aside just a few minutes each day for reading, you can make a significant impact on your child's literacy development. Whether it's a bedtime story or a quick read during breakfast, every moment spent with a book is a moment well spent.



Author Visit on World Book Day- Luke Temple

The pupils of Ravenscote were lucky enough to welcome Luke Temple, who delivered workshops to all year groups. He discussed his books and played several games with the children. This was a highlight of the day for many of the children, who went on to buy Luke's books. Luke came back the next day so that the children had an opportunity to meet with him and get their new books signed personally by him!



Author Visit for Year 3 – Stephen Pass

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, author Stephen Pass held an online workshop with year 3 pupils.

He read from his illustrated children's book 'Madge the Mermaid' about a mermaid created from items washed up on the beach.



Thank you for your continued support in nurturing a reading culture at home and at school. Together, we can inspire a lifelong love for learning and exploration through the wonderful world of books.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Wishing you happy reading adventures ahead!

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