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*Be strong and
courageous.....for the
Lord your God is with you*

22nd October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,



500 Words Creative Writing Competition

500 Words, the UK's largest and most successful children's writing competition is open for entries! Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read in 500 words or less. 50 finalists will be invited to the grand final at Buckingham Palace, where they could see their story read by a superstar celebrity!

We would love our children to submit their stories and have an opportunity to visit the palace and showcase their talented writing.

Return your story to your phase email by **Wednesday 6th November 2024**, so your teacher can submit it before the competition closes at 9pm on Friday 8th November 2024.

Who can enter?

The competition is open to any child aged between 5-11 years-old of any writing ability, who reside in the UK. (Children have to be of the relevant age on the date the competition closes, Friday 8th November 2024).

The competition is a celebration of children's creativity, so stories will not be marked on spelling, grammar or punctuation.

How do I submit my story?

If you would like to submit a story, please type up your child's work and email to the relevant phase email for your child, so their teacher can submit their story.

Year 1 and Year 2: ks1phase@highwycombecombined.bucks.sch.uk

Year 3 and Year 4: ks2phase@highwycombecombined.bucks.sch.uk

Year 5 and Year 6: uks2phase@highwycombecombined.bucks.sch.uk

By emailing your child's story to the school, you are giving permission for the story to be submitted to the competition.

Checklist

- The story must not contain the child's name or any information which identifies the child
- The story must be written by one person, not as a collaboration
- Eligible entrants must be at least five years old and no older than 11 by Friday 8th November
- The story must be an original work of fiction



- No part of the story can be created, written or developed using AI
- There's a 500 word limit (title is not included in the word count) but no rules on theme

We look forward to seeing your entries!

Yours sincerely,



Miss Johns
Assistant Headteacher

