



Short Story Writing Competition

Feeling inspired from our recent visit from the author **Catherine Emmett**, we would like to hold a short story writing competition. Catherine enthusiastically engaged the children with her storytelling as well as sharing the journey a story takes from initial idea to publication. The theme for our competition will be based on our 6Rs: respect, resilience, responsibility, resourcefulness, reasoning and reflection. Each child can either write a short story linked to the theme or base the story around one or more of the characters, e.g. a robot story. Please try to write **no more than 500 words**. It would be amazing if the children could draw some illustrations for their stories.

There will be three categories for prizes:

Group 1: Age 5-7 (Year 1 and 2)

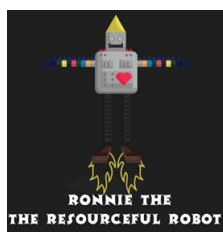
Group 2: Age 7-9 (Year 3 and 4)

Group 3: Age 9-11 (Year 5 and 6)

We are delighted that Catherine would like to come back to Thaxted School to present the prizes and she has expressed that she would like to read the shortlisted stories. We are thrilled that she has offered to do this.

There will be a **book** and **certificate** presented in assembly for each category. **Each child who enters will also receive a certificate and small gift (pencil and rubber).**

The deadline for entries is Friday 17th March and winners will be announced the following week.



UPCOMING DATES:

Wednesday 8th March - KS1 SATs meeting at 2.30pm for Parents of Year 2 Children

Friday 10th March - Dahl class Dance event out of school

Friday 10th March—Cross Country event out of school (If your child is involved you will have received a letter)

Monday 13th March – Road Safety Presentation to Reception Parents at 9am

Monday 20th March – Show and Share – 3.15pm

Tuesday 21st March – Show and Share – 8.15am

Tuesday 21st March—Parents Coffee morning with Mrs Crompton 9am start (*at parental request, there will be changes to the timings and days of future Parent coffee mornings to allow for a wider group of parents to attend*)

Scholastic book fair coming to school next week. It runs for 4 days.

The fair will be set up in the hall after school on Thursday 16th March, Friday 17th March, Monday 20th March and Tuesday 21st March until 4pm.

Please do come, have a browse, and find a book your child will love!

You can browse the books in advance.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>



World Book day dressing up—thank you to all the families that worked so hard to get their children ready for their book character dress up. didn't they all look amazing!



Well done to the Boys and Girls football teams who competed in the inter school tournament last Friday in Dunmow.

Challenging games, our girls did themselves proud—6 goals and came 4th against confident teams.

The boys did not concede one goal and came joint first with 4 goals.

Amazing for Thaxted, well done children!!!

PTA Corner

Contact us via friendsofthaxted@gmail.com.

Thank you to all involved in a successful Quiz night. Challenging but fun. Chocolate bars and Harry Potter rounds were well received. £300 raised for the school

Well done to the winning team, they were surprised!

