



Thursday 24th October 2024

Dear Grazebrook Children (and Families)

Re: BBC 500 Words Story Writing Competition

Calling all Grazebrook writers! This year, we would love to submit entries into the **BBC 500 Words Story Writing Competition**. All you need to do is write a story that you would love to read yourself. You need to be as creative as possible - you can make the judges laugh, cry or just be blown away by what they are reading. There are very few rules for the 500 Words Competition, but here are a few points to remember. All the stories must:

- **Be 500 words or less (the title is not included in the number)**
- Be written by one child and not a group of children
- Be your own original idea
- Be prose, not a rap or poem

Stories must not:

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount an historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration)
- Be created, written or developed by AI

All stories will be judged on the following criteria:

- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment

The 50 finalists will be invited to the grand final at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities. Each finalist will win books and the gold winners will receive 500 books for their school! The winning stories will receive an original illustration from Dapo Adeola, Nigel Parkinson, Lydia Monks, Momoko Abe, Rob Biddulph or Yasmeen Ismail.

All stories can be handwritten or typed. They should be **handed in to your class teacher by Tuesday 5th of November with your full name and age written on the story**. Stories will then be uploaded onto the competition website by Friday 8th November.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KBeecroft'.

Katie Beecroft
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