



Belvoirdale Primary School

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Dear children, parent/carer and school staff,

Every year the United Nations sponsors 'WORLD POETRY DAY'. This is a chance for everyone and anyone to read, learn about, enjoy – and even write their own poems. This year's celebration takes place on Monday 21st March and at Belvoirdale we are celebrating with special events in our library during that week, including readings, poetry-writing workshops and a competition where YOUR poem could be included in a very special book! Our theme for this year's World Poetry Day is:



If you are interested, and want to get involved, here's what you need to know.

For our Key Stage 2 children, we are asking for a poem of no more than 20 lines or 200 words. It must be your own idea, but parents and carers are welcome to help you if you need a bit of support. Remember that your poem is celebration of what makes you, *you*. Teachers, other school staff, Governors and family members can submit your own poems as well; the more, the merrier!

We'd like our Key Stage One children to give us a picture you have drawn on the same theme, and some of these will also be used in the book. Pictures should be on plain white paper or card, black-and-white and no bigger than A5 in size. If you need a piece of card to take home so you can draw a picture for us, come to the library at lunchtimes and ask Mr. Bennett for one.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join in with children, young people and adults across the world to not only enjoy the work of other poets and illustrators, but actually create your own! So, why not have a go? All entries will be part of a special exhibition in the school library, and we will also be having some guest readings, by video-link, recorded message or in the flesh (depending on restrictions in place). The winning poems and pictures will be included in a commemorative booklet which will be available nearer the time.

So, to ensure we are ready for this year's World Poetry Day, all poems and pictures must be submitted by Friday 11th February at the latest. Children can deposit your entries in a special post-box in the school library, as can school-based adults, and if you are a parent or other adult, you can drop any entries off at the school office, or email them to mbennett@belvoirdale.leics.sch.uk

With very best wishes,

Mr. M. Bennett
School Librarian



*At Belvoirdale Community Primary School, we all work together, to respectfully explore the world we see.
We are confident, resilient and independent and strive to the best that we can be*