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Dear Parents and Carers,

Derby Picture Book Awards Winner

Last month we received the exciting news that our Year 2 children had been selected as one of six schools in the city who would vote for the winner of the first ever Derby Picture Book Award to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the annual Derby Book Festival.

The Award aims to celebrate picture books that children can relate to and in which the diversity and challenges of modern life are represented in age appropriate ways. I was delighted to have the opportunity to be part of a group of twelve Derby primary school teachers who selected the shortlisted books from the original longlist of nine.

The books shortlisted were:

- **The Girls** by Lauren Ace, illustrated by Jenny Løvlie
- **The Only Way is Badger** by Stella J Jones, illustrated by Carmen Saldaña
- **Ruby's Worry** by Tom Percival
- **Nimesh the Adventurer** by Ranjit Singh, illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini

I am pleased to announce that yesterday we revealed the **official winner** of the award in 2019 is '**The Girls**'!

Before our votes were sent off, I counted those from our Year 2 children and although a large number voted for this book, there was a different winner at Ridgeway. We also voted unofficially within our Year 1 and Reception classes as well and the winners from each year group are as follows:

Reception: **The Only Way is Badger**

Year 1: **The Girls**

Year 2: **The Only Way is Badger**

We are now looking forward to a visit from the winning author, Lauren Ace, later in the Summer Term. We will also be taking a group of Year 2 children to an event at the Derby Theatre . . . look out for a competition letter also sent out this week!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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