

## Barnabas Oley CoE Primary School

### World Book Day Competition 2018

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Here at Barnabas Oley CoE Primary we love reading, from the youngest pupils to the oldest members of staff! Our reading inspires us to achieve high standards across all areas of the curriculum. When we received your email regarding this year's competition it struck a chord with us, as this year's key priority for Reading is to engage children in exploring high quality texts from a wide range of genres. Our children had already begun to challenge themselves to select books that might inspire them with their own writing.



During a previous Book Week the children were asked to find the most extreme places that they could, to read a book. This generated the idea for the silhouette figures who are making steps towards flying high with their reading complete with Fergus riding his flying bicycle- his basket full of books, symbolising the endless choice of books available to all our children!

To complete our display, the children were given the opportunity to select favourite books and illustrate front covers that they could represent using media of their choice, using a balloon template. In response to this, there was a great deal of conversation regarding their choices and this led to the children recording their thoughts and feelings about the impact of reading on their lives. On each of the book spines of our display you will be able to read some of the thoughtful comments recorded by the children and some of the many books that staff and pupils like to choose to read.





Having created the 'balloon artwork' the children set about reflecting on the book they had chosen and wrote concise comments on mini-books which are tied onto the balloon strings. As part of a weekly meeting, all staff were involved in pulling the display together from all the beautiful work; some climbing ladders, some cutting letters and string, some arranging the design. We felt very proud of the contributions that the children had made.

This excitement around reading continued with our year 6 librarians leading a whole school assembly that recommended books for all the children in our school. Book clubs have been established across the school, facilitated by our dedicated parent helpers and these have encouraged children to enjoy

increasingly challenging texts. As a village school, we love to involve as many people in the community as possible. Most recently children have written to the 'Evergreens', (actively retired club) members to request their support to come into school to share their passion for reading too.

The final comment to make relates to the reaction of the children and adults the morning after the display was created. Spontaneously, groups of children gathered in front of the display throughout the day - there was a real buzz around the school regarding the display- not known of before. Children also brought their parents in to view. It really had been a whole school creation and now the whole school community could enjoy it too!



