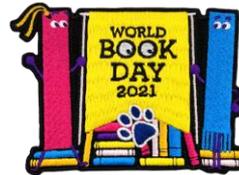




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International Women's Day and World Book Day

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you all happy, healthy and ready for the children to return to school on the 8th of March. All staff members here at St. Ignatius are incredibly excited to see all of the children back in school with their classmates and learning in classrooms again. I know it has been a difficult time for most families but we hope that, moving towards spring and summer, the outlook will be brighter!

International Women's Day 2021

Our first day returning to school will be 'International Women's Day'. The theme this year is #choosetochallenge. International Women's Day is important in raising awareness against bias, forging a gender equal world and celebrating women's achievement, as well as much more! You can find out more information here: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com>

Though this is something we champion all year long at St. Ignatius, we will mark the occasion by celebrating many inspirational women through a variety of activities in classrooms. We will choose one main inspirational woman per class by using our 'Class Inspirational People' links. We will also consider many others, including members of our own families and the inspirational women close to us. You can find class links here: <https://stig.bkcat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Class-Inspirational-People.pdf>



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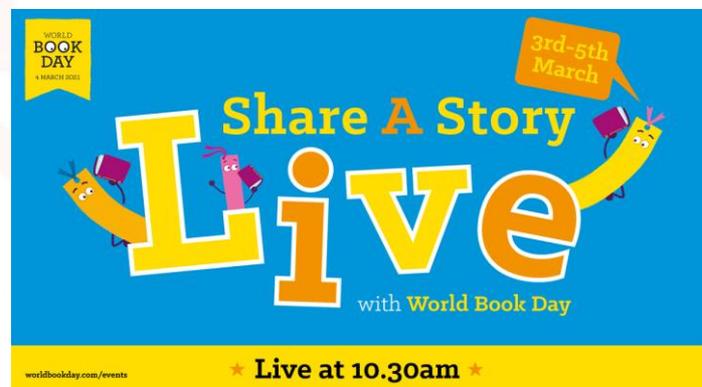
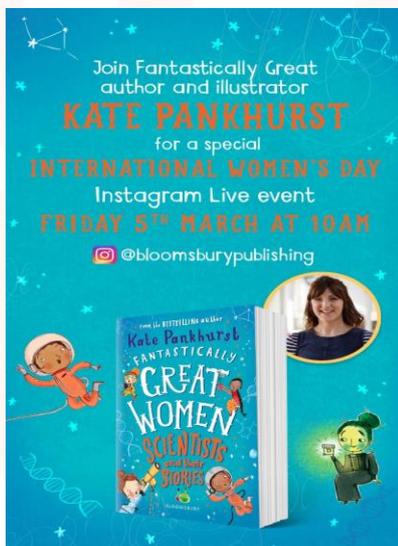
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World Book Day 2021

Unfortunately, World Book Day takes place on the 4th of March this year... but instead of missing out on this often very enjoyable day in school, we have made the decision to celebrate on Wednesday 10th March instead. We have always enjoyed this day together in school and we did not want this year to be any different. As in previous years, children (and staff) are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters. A variety of fun activities will take place in classrooms throughout the day alongside virtual assemblies.

We also have a special treat in store! We are incredibly lucky to have a pre-recorded video from a famous author and illustrator – Kate Pankhurst! The video is especially for the children of St. Ignatius to help us celebrate this special day in school and answer some of the many questions the children have. This will be shared on Wednesday 10th March when we hold our World Book Day. The children have worked hard this week to think of these questions for our author, and Kate has assured me she will do her best to answer as many as possible. She also expressed how impressed she was with the wide variety of questions and also the level of creativity - well done!

To commemorate both themed days alongside our final week of online learning, we have some exciting live and recorded events planned. These events will be shared by teachers on google classroom for all pupils, both in school and at home, and details will be included on the weekly timetables.



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The exciting line-up includes:

Books that make you LOL! – Wednesday 3rd March 10:30am

World Book Day Special - Bringing Reading to Life! – Thursday 4th March 10:30am

Live Instagram Session with Kate Pankhurst! – Friday 5th March at 10:00am

We are all looking forward to what will hopefully be a very exciting final week of online learning and also an enjoyable first week back in school together.

Take care and we will see you all very soon.

Kind regards,

Miss Jackson
Assistant Headteacher