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Scribe The Oaklands Short Story Writing Competition

Dear Parents/ Carers,

You may have heard of the BBC 500 words short story writing competition that has recently closed; the BBC received thousands of entries and it is obvious that many children enjoy writing stories for fun.

Inspired by the BBC 500 words we will be holding our own short story writing competition over the Easter Holidays called Scribe.

Scribe will be a separate competition for each year group with a prize for each year group winners.

Scribe entries will be judged by Oaklands staff and will be based on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Plot
- Characterisation
- Language
- Enjoyment

The stories can be in any style as long as they are fictional and the sole work of the entrant.

They could be historical, horror, science fiction, adventure, ghostly or even based in a junior school in Berkshire!

The competition is now open and closes on Friday 26th April. Entries may be handwritten or typed. The stories can be handed in at any time to the school office or uploaded to OWL, just click on the special button to access the upload area.

A copy of the Scribe rules are on the back of this letter.

I hope that your child has fun writing!

Kind regards

Mr Hill

Scribe Rules

- 1) Entrants must write a fictional short story (no more than 500 words in length). Entries can be neatly hand written or typed. If the story is hand written it must be written on lined paper.
- 2) We can only accept stories which are 500 words or fewer.
- 3) Entries can be accepted online via OWL or handed in at the school office and **must** contain the entrant's full name and class/year group.
- 4) Entry opens on Tuesday 19th March 2019. Entry closes on Friday 26th April 2019 at 15.30. Submissions received outside of this time frame will not, under any circumstances be considered.
- 5) Entrants can only enter individually. Only one entry per person is permitted and the story must be wholly written by the entrant only.
- 6) Entries must be an original piece of fiction and not an account of real events – either historical or current. However, stories can feature well known public figures from present day or from history (e.g. Wayne Rooney or Charles Darwin) take place in historical eras (e.g. the English Civil War) or use real-life experiences as a creative springboard as long as the story is FICTIONAL.
- 7) Entries will be judged on the following criteria:
 - - Originality
 - - Plot
 - - Characterisation
 - - Language
 - – Enjoyment
- 8) The competition will be judged by Oaklands Junior teachers using the criteria in rule 7. Each year group will be a separate competition.
- 9) The winning entry for each year group will receive a prize and a certificate at an awards assembly in the summer term.