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Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

THE HEADTEACHER'S WRITING AWARD AND INTER HOUSE WRITING COMPETITION

I am very excited to announce the first ever PARKWOOD INTER HOUSE WRITING COMPETITION, which will lead to the school announcing a Writer of the Year. The competition is open to Year 2 up to Year 6 and there will be two age categories. The first will be for children in Year 2, 3 and 4. The second will be for children in Year 5 and 6.



- Writing will be done at home and where possible, handwritten. Children who find handwriting more difficult, can type it instead.
 - Pieces of writing should be no more than 500 words.
 - How the work is presented is up to each child and their family.
 - Children need to put their name, the name of their house and their year group (not class) on their finished piece of work.
 - Writing can be handed in to class teachers
- The writing does NOT have to be a 'story'

The title of the piece of writing will be the same for all children, but from that point on, the subject matter and genre is up to them. **The title for 2016 is**

'RUNNING OUT OF TIME'

Once the children have handed in their work, all the pieces of writing will be judged by the staff in each house team to choose a boy and a girl winner for each house, as well as a second and third placed boy and girl. The age of the children will be taken into account.

The winning entry for each house will get 100 house points, second place will get 75 house points and third place will get 50 house points. Winners in the boys and girls categories will be announced on the website and in assembly.

All winners will then come to me. As Headteacher, I love reading the children's work and know we have some VERY talented writers. I will then choose a '**Park Wood Writer of the Year**', as well as a second and third place, from the 'house winners'. These people will get an extra 200, 150 and 100 house points each, and could be boys or girls.

What are we looking for?

MOST IMPORTANTLY...CREATIVITY, UNIQUENESS and INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS!

What else will help? Some ideas...

Creating an atmosphere in the writing! Using dialogue and connecting sentences in interesting ways. Using exciting and interesting vocabulary. Using punctuation such as commas, question marks, exclamation marks, maybe even some dashes, hyphens and colons. Spelling words correctly and using neat and tidy handwriting. Children might choose to write in past tense or in the present.

DEADLINE FOR THE WRITING TO COME IN IS MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER, as this gives three weekends for our budding young writers to have their ideas and create their masterpieces.

Good Luck and Happy Writing!

**Mr A Moir
Headteacher**

