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Dear Parents / Carers

**BBC 500 Words Writing Competition**

This year, we are inviting all Kingsnorth children to get creative at home with some creative story writing and to enter their masterpieces into the UK's biggest writing competition. Last year, we had a selection of awesome writers who advanced into the next round. This is incredibly rare and we were so proud! Do we have the next UK's best young author in our school?

**The UK's biggest children's story writing competition will be open for entries on Tuesday 24 September from 8am.**

There will be two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11-year-olds**. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. The closing date for entries is **Friday 8 November at 9pm**.

We would love children of all abilities to enter; **spelling, punctuation and grammar** are not marked - it's all about creativity!

The finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous grand final in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities.

They will also take home an illustration of their story by a top children's illustrator, a bundle of books for themselves and the gold winners' schools will receive 500 books.

We are excited to announce that singer-songwriter, **Olivia Dean**, has joined the official panel of judges. Olivia will be one of six judges to crown our next winners, joining Children's Laureate **Frank Cottrell-Boyce**, **Sir Lenny Henry**, **Malorie Blackman**, **Francesca Simon** and **Charlie Higson**.

Every story which is submitted (excluding the finalists) will be entered into a random draw and one child will be invited to the final, along with their parent/carer. They will also receive a bundle of books and their school will receive 500 books, as well as a Literacy Wall Art installed by Promote Your School.

For all other information regarding how to submit your stories, story ideas and live lessons please use this link - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Happy Writing!

Mr Clark

English Leader



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