



## **Octagon Schools Cluster group - Story writing competition 2024**

We would like to invite your child to enter the Octagon Schools Cluster group writing competition. We would like each child to write an adventure story that is set in a school. The school adventure could be a mystery, comedy, sci fi, historical, detective or a genre of your child's choice.

The story must be your child's own work.

The judges will be looking for creativity, flare and originality. Mini Grey, author of Traction Man and Egg Drop will be one of the judges along with members from the St Ives Rotary Club.

There are 5 age categories for the writing competition.

### **Categories**

- Reception
- Key Stage 1

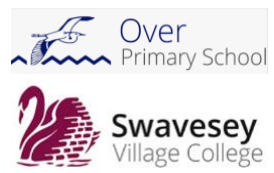
**In Reception and Key Stage 1 categories, stories must be under 200 words, they can be handwritten or typed and can include illustrations.**

- Years 3/4
- Years 5/6/7
- Open category

**Stories must be under 800 words and can be handwritten or typed.**

### **Closing date**

The closing date for the competition is **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. Please can your child give their story to their class teacher.



## Celebration event

We will be holding a writing Celebration event on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Children who come first or second in their category will be invited to this event.

## Reminders

- The story must be written independently by the child
- Children may have time in school to write their story
- Parents can type up the story for their child without editing what the child has written
- Children must keep to the word count
- Any entries received after Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May will not be judged

Good luck everyone.

from

The Octagon Heads Cluster group

