



PANSHANGER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Holt BEd. (Hons).

6th January 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone managed to have a lovely Christmas and New Year, especially as it was the first time in so many years that there were no Covid restrictions in place.

As it is the start of a new term, please can all parents have a look at the uniform their child is wearing to school and **ensure all items of clothing are labelled** with your child's name. Items can be purchased from Smarty Schoolwear - they have a shop in Hatfield and their website for online ordering is <https://www.smartyschoolwear.co.uk/primary-schools-c1/panshanger-primary-school-c676> . General items can be purchased from local supermarkets. Please remember that hair accessories etc. should also be in school colours. Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes in school at all times (the majority of children have the inexpensive plimsolls). We have carpets in the classrooms and these will get very dirty if the children are wearing their outdoor shoes inside.

January Challenge

For this month's challenge I would like the children to have a go at a poetry competition run by Young Writers. *Poems can be in any style and link to the environment in many cross-curricular ways from litter, pollution and wildlife, to sustainability, conservation or exploring nature and local landscapes.*

This short clip briefly introduces the idea of the competition

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=2yPg2BS_YIU&feature=youtu.be

More information can be found on the Young Writers website:

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS1/bgpm> or any questions please email - head@panshanger.herts.sch.uk

A range of poetry styles can be used and the poems **do not have to rhyme**. The older children could make use of metaphors, similes, alliteration, personification, repetition etc. Poems can be entered online by parents, or a paper copy can be brought back into school and we can send them off together. **Entries need to be submitted by Friday 10th February.**

As this is a slightly 'bigger' task than usual, 2 house points will be awarded for each entry. If you choose to send the entry in yourself, please make sure the school is aware you have done so.

Diary Dates

The school website has been updated with some dates for this term and we will continue adding them as events are confirmed.

Many thanks,
Mrs Holt

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