Dear Parent,

​We are excited to inform you that our school is taking part in a brand new art competition and exhibition for children and young people, called ‘Art For Research Reading’.

[Art For Research Reading](http://www.artforresearchreading.com) is a local community fundraising event showcasing the creativity of children and young people in Berkshire while raising money for Cancer Research UK (Registered Charity No. 089464).

We would like to invite your child to enter into Art For Research Reading. This is an exciting opportunity for your child to have his/her artwork reviewed by an expert panel of judges and, if short-listed, have their art exhibited in public, all whilst raising money for Cancer Research’s ‘Children and Young People’ campaign. This campaign aims to accelerate progress, find new cures and kinder treatments for children’s cancers, which is a fantastic cause for our school to support.

This year’s theme is **‘My Reading’.**Your child will be asked to submit a picture based on this theme, on either A4 or A3 sized good quality paper in any medium. Please see the competition [rules](http://www.artforresearchreading.com/pages/rules.html).

To participate, we ask that each child donates **£2** to Cancer Research UK.

The Art For Research Reading exhibition will take place **20th-21st March 2020 in the University of Reading’s Great Hall**, with a prize presentation and public viewings for schools, families and friends. There will be an opportunity for families to purchase their child’s artwork at the exhibition, with all monies raised going to Cancer Research UK’s ‘Children and Young People’ campaign. You will also have the opportunity to order artwork as a canvas print, and notecards of the winning artwork will be available to purchase.

All schools will be represented at the exhibition and I am sure you will agree it will be exciting to see some of our pupil’s work on show. You will be notified in advance if your child will have his/her work exhibited.

The winners in each age/SEN category will be chosen by the Art For Research Reading panel of judges, who include:

* **Garry Parsons**, Illustrator of Children’s books, including the ‘Dinosaur That Pooped’ series.
* **Kathleen Soriano,** Arts curator, writer and SKY Arts TV presenter.
* **Dr Kate Allen,** Professor in Art at the University of Reading and founder member of purpleSTARS, (www. purplestars.org.uk).

We hope that you will want to enter your child’s picture and join us in supporting this wonderful new venture that will celebrate the artistic endeavors of our students while raising vital funds for a fantastic cause.

Please place the entry fee, along with the reply slip in an envelope and return it to your class teacher by (insert date).

Yours sincerely,

(insert name)

Raising money for Cancer Research UK

Entry slip 2019/20

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_

* I have read and understood the rules of the competition.
* I have included £2 entry donation.

**Please tick the category for the entrant from the list below:**

You can affix your £2 here

* KS1: Reception , Year 1 and Year 2
* KS2: Year 3 and 4
* KS2: Year 5 and 6
* KS3: Years 7, 8 and 9
* SEN: Moderate learning Difficulties ( all ages)
* SEN: Severe Learning Disabilities (all ages)
* SEN: Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (all ages)

**I give permission for my child’s artwork to be entered into Art For Research Reading:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**For entrants: Please use this space to explain the inspiration for your artwork (1-2 sentences)**

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Yours sincerely

Art For Research Reading Committee

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