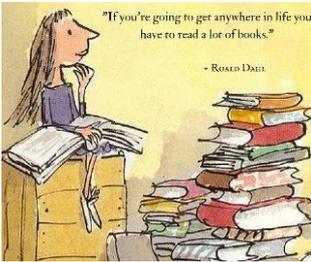


The Big BPS Book Fund

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Thursday, 1st March, 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we celebrate World Book Day throughout the school, we have been reflecting on the incredible readers that are developing throughout our school, from top to bottom! We are proud to say that one of our main aims is to nurture a love of books and stories in our children in the hope that they will evolve into life-long readers. We know that it is vitally important for children to have the skills and strategies which allow them to be independent, confident readers. We know that academic attainment is of vital importance, but the benefits of reading for pleasure go far beyond this and stretch throughout a person's life.

The children at BPS read for pleasure for at least twenty minutes every day. This is not *instead of* guided reading sessions, reading with an adult or within literacy lessons, but in addition to. Children are able to choose books at their own level to read, enjoy and investigate independently. Whether fiction, non-fiction, action, mystery, graphic novels,

biographies or many, many more, we aim to nurture the children's love of books by helping them to develop their own interests and opinions. As many of you will know, once a child finds an author or character they love, a whole new world is opened up to them. Throughout the school, we are reading more books than ever before, particularly in Years Two to Six with the aid of the Accelerated Reader program. Last half term, those children took 1643 quizzes to get their reading year off to a great new start!

But, sadly we have a problem...

In order to continue to be able to provide this opportunity for the children and to ensure that their love for reading continues, we are in urgent need of some new books. The whole ethos of reading for pleasure is that children are able to choose the books that interest and inspire them. By limiting their reading choices, we know that a child's love for books and stories will begin to dwindle, regardless of their academic abilities.

In an ideal world, our school budgets would not have been reduced and we would not need to be asking our school community to contribute towards something as fundamental as books. However, we're sure that you'll agree that by increasing the books available to our children, we will be able to increase their learning opportunities for many years to come. We are therefore asking parents, grandparents, families, friends and local businesses to invest in the children of Bewdley Primary School. By buying a book from our Wish List, for less than a month's Netflix subscription or a ticket to the cinema, you could help to give our children a head start and give them a ticket into a whole new world of excitement, adventure and imagination.

To mark your generous donation, every book we purchase through The Big BPS Book Fund 2018 will contain an individual insert which names and gives thanks to the donors. If you'd like to make a donation in your child's name, a past pupil, as a family or as a business, we just need to know which name or names you would like to have on the inside cover of the book.

You are reading this book thanks to the generosity of The Hares Family who donated it as part of The Big BPS Book Fund 2018	You are reading this book thanks to the generosity of Mrs Court who donated it as part of The Big BPS Book Fund 2018	You are reading this book thanks to the generosity of Eve Pritchard who donated it as part of The Big BPS Book Fund 2018
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We know that in the current climate, it is very difficult to find spare money to donate to different causes. However, we are hoping that through the BPS Book Fund, we will be able to give a much needed boost to the books that we can offer to our children and continue with our goal of creating an entire school of readers.

So how can we get involved?

We have created an Amazon Wish List which has allowed us to select the books that we think will really enhance our book collections. The books on the list are based on a selection of primary school 'Must-Haves' and recommendations. Our hope is that you and your child will decide together which book you would like to donate to the school. It might be that you had a favourite book when you were younger and you'd like other children to be able to enjoy it too. Perhaps there's a book that's really caught your eye and you'd like to have that one available in the book boxes. If you have an Amazon account, follow the instructions overleaf to find out how to buy your book. Alternatively, complete one of the slips attached and send it in with a donation of your choice.

What if the book I want to donate isn't on that list?

It may be that we already have those books. Classics such as *The Gruffalo* or *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* are already in our collection and so we're looking for books to extend it further. There are also some books that we know we can buy cheaper elsewhere or as part of a box set, such as *Tom Gates* or *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. However, if you think that there's an awesome book that's missing, get in touch and we can let you know whether we've already got it and can add it to the Wish List if not.

Is there a reason why you're using Amazon?

The reason we've used Amazon is because of the Wish List facility and, on the whole, we've found it to be the cheapest place to buy most books. We've tried to make the scheme as accessible as possible for the majority of people.

If we're not fussed about which book you buy, can we just send the money in and you can choose?

Of course, just make sure that you complete the attached slip so that we know who you would like the book to be dedicated to.

Can we donate more than one book? Um, absolutely!!

I still have questions about this, what should I do?

Give the school office a call, pop in and have a chat with your class teacher or send Miss Bradley and email at alb115@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk

Many thanks, in advance, from all of the staff and pupils at Bewdley Primary School.

How much will it cost?

There are a range of books available which cost between £2.39 and £6.99. There are over a hundred titles on our current list and we have asked for a maximum of three of each book. We've done this because we don't really want 25 copies of the same book as this will limit the range of choices for the children.

Why isn't there much non-fiction on the list?

Many non-fiction books are far more expensive than fiction and we've tried to ensure that all the books on the list are less than £7.00. We're also going to be ensuring that more of our existing non-fiction library books are available as Accelerated Reader choices as soon as possible.

Are the books on the Wish List on Accelerated Reader?

Yes, on the whole. A couple aren't because they're so new but we're reliably informed that quizzes will be available for those titles very soon.

What if I don't have an Amazon account?

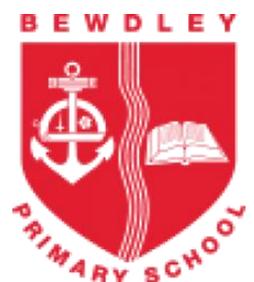
Pop into school and Miss Bradley can help you to see which books are on the list. We can order a book on your behalf and you can pop the cash into the pot.

We already have that book at home. Can we just donate that one instead?

If the book is on the list and in good condition then yes please, that would be great. Just complete the attached slip so that we know who has sent it in.

What if you run out of books on the wish list?

Well, first of all, we'd do a happy dance to celebrate all of the new books that would be coming in to school and then we'd add some more titles!

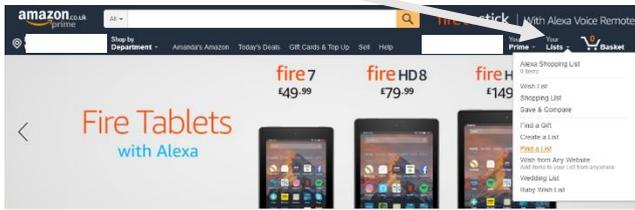


How do I use the Amazon Wish List to buy a book?

You'll need to already have an Amazon account to be able to buy the book in this way. You can skip Steps One and Two by typing in the following link if you'd rather: www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/34XMO985WQZI6

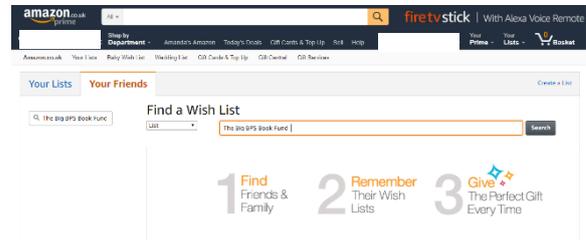
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Search using the Find a List option



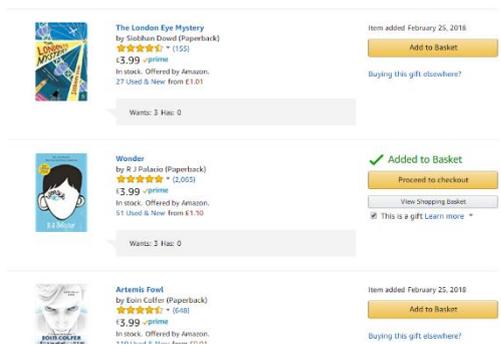
• Step Two:

Search for The Big BPS Book Fund



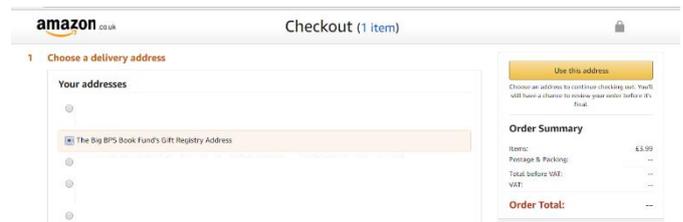
• Step Three:

Search through all of the books on the Wish List. Read through the blurbs together, decide which book you think the children would enjoy reading and add it to your basket.



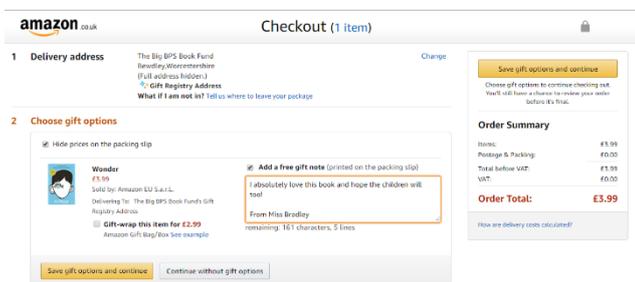
• Step Four:

Select whether you'd like the book to be delivered straight to school or whether you'd rather have it delivered to your home address and then bring it into school with you.



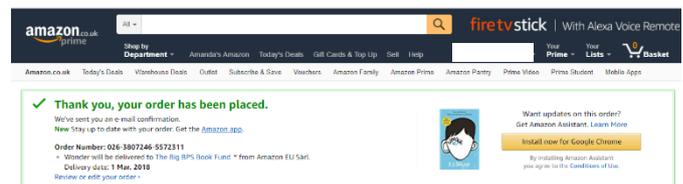
• Step Five:

If you're having the book sent directly to school, please make sure that you write a message to tell us who has been kind enough to buy and donate the book. That way we can make sure the dedication is in your name.



• Step Six:

Sit back, relax and feel very pleased with yourselves for helping to promote a love of books at Bewdley Primary School.



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We would love to be part of The Big Bewdley Book Fund and enclose

_____ to donate to the fund.

Child's Name:

Class:

This book is donated by:

(An individual's name, a family, a company name etc)

