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Important messages

The Young Mathematical Story Authors (YMSA) competition. Prize: £100. Deadline: Friday 21st March 2025 (17:00 UK time).

Dear parents/carers,

We are excited to inform you about a fantastic opportunity for our young mathematicians! Our school is taking part in the **World's First Annual International Young Mathematical Story Authors (YMSA) Competition**, organised by **MathsThroughStories.org**.

This inspiring competition encourages children aged 4-16 to use their creativity and mathematical knowledge to write their own **mathematical story picture books**. Since its launch in 2019, the competition has attracted around **4,000 student entries from over 260 schools across 23 countries** and we would love for our pupils to be part of this global event!

Competition Details

- **Submission Deadline:** All entries must be completed and submitted to the school by **Friday 21st March 2025** to allow time for final checks before being sent for judging.
- **Resources & Templates:** Guidance, examples and templates for the storybooks can be found on the competition website: www.mathsthroughstories.org/competitions.
- **Prizes & Recognition:** The winner from each age-group will receive an award and a **£100 prize**. Their winning story, along with a profile of them and our school, will be featured on the **MathsThroughStories.org website**, which has been visited around **2 million times by teachers and parents from over 220 countries!**
- **Social Media Hashtag:** Follow and support the competition using **#YMSAMaths**.

We strongly encourage all students to take part in this unique competition. It is a brilliant way to develop both their mathematical and literacy skills in an engaging and meaningful way. We look forward to seeing the fantastic mathematical stories our pupils will create!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Talavera Junior School