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Firstly we'd like to share with you our (slightly) new name! With our projects reaching right across the county of Shropshire, we work with over 40 primary schools and thousands of children each year and so it's time to reflect this in our name. Shrewsbury Bookfest is now known as **Shropshire Bookfest**.

Now to Book Award 2022 - a child-led reading development project where children read and vote for their favourite books from shortlists of fiction titles published in the last two years. This project is split into two age groups:

- Big Book Award** for children in Years 5-6 (9-11 year olds), and
- Picture Book Award** for children in Reception, Years 1-2 (5-7 year olds)

The Book Award project has grown and developed based on the resounding support and enthusiasm shown by primary schools in Shropshire who have taken part since 2010.

What do schools get?

By being involved in the Book Award project, pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a well-established and now nationally recognised reading for pleasure development initiative where they and their schools will receive:

Big Book Award (Years 5-6; 9-11 year olds):

- For an example class of 30 - **4 copies of each** of the 6 shortlist titles for your class/school library.
- A comprehensive 'Teacher Pack' on 'how-to' run the project in the classroom with activities based on the shortlist books.
- Online and in-school support from Shropshire Bookfest throughout the project.
- A drama competition with supporting workshops led by Pentabus Theatre Company.
- An art competition with winning entries being exhibited at the Museum in Shrewsbury.
- A creative writing competition.
- A platform for pupils to share their views on the books with pupils across the county via the Bookfest website.
- Live screening of the Award Ceremony at Theatre Severn on 28th April 2022 direct into your school.
- Tickets to the Award Ceremony at Theatre Severn on 28th April 2022 (Option A only).

The Book Award project is designed to help and encourage all children to develop a love of reading and express their views on contemporary fiction - **regardless of reading ability.**

BIG BOOK AWARD Snapshot of the Costs:

There are two investment levels for schools to choose from.

Based on a class (eg of 30 pupils) to do **Big Book Award**:

Option A:

One-off school admin fee: £150
£10 per pupil: £300
Total cost: £450

(This includes attendance at the Award Ceremony for which there is limited capacity)

Option B:

One-off school admin fee: £150
£4 per pupil: £120
Total cost: £270

(This does not include attendance at the Award Ceremony but the event will be live-screened into ALL participating schools)

Picture Book Award (Reception, Years 1-2; 5-7 year olds)

- A full pack of classroom activities based on the shortlist books.
- Comprehensive support materials (Teacher Pack) including classroom activities based on the shortlisted books - online and printed versions.
- Multiple copies of each of the 4 shortlist titles for your class/school library.
- An Art Competition (every school will have a winner) and a Class Response competition.

What To Do Now?

1. Please read the "[Important Points to Note](#)" which sets out FAQ's, details etc.
2. Please confirm whether your school will be taking part in Big Book Award and/or Picture Book Award by completing the **Booking Form** and returning it by email to info@shropshirebookfest.co.uk **There is a capacity limit for this project, so bookings will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.**
3. The closing date for booking your school onto Big Book Award and/or Picture Book Award is **8 October 2021**.



Book Award 2018 Film: If you have not taken part in the Bookfest Book Award project before, please take a look at this short, 3-minute video of Book Award 2018 to get a clearer idea of the project from the perspective of teachers and their pupils.

PICTURE BOOK AWARD Snapshot of the Costs:

Based on a class (eg of 30 pupils)
to do *Picture Book Award*:

One-off school admin fee: £125
£4 per pupil: £120
Total cost: £245

PROJECT TIMELINE:

- **8 October 2021:** Booking deadline.
- **January - March 2022 - Big Book Award** runs in the classroom. Pupils read the shortlist, create their competition entries and vote for their favourite book.
- **Thursday 28th April 2022 10am - 12noon - Big Book Award Ceremony** at Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury.
- **June - July 2022: Picture Book Award** runs in classrooms.
- **11 July 2022 - Picture Book Award** winner is announced to all schools.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact your Bookfest Co-ordinator or anyone on the Bookfest team at info@shropshirebookfest.co.uk