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Dear parents and carers,

As you will be aware, World Book Day is coming up on Thursday 4th March. In year 5, we will be celebrating the occasion with a special opportunity to meet a famous author called Mitch Johnson who has written an excellent book called Kick. Here are some details about the session:

Kick is a story about twelve-year-old Budi, an Indonesian boy who works in a sweatshop and dreams of becoming a footballer. The accompanying event is a fun, interactive way for children to learn about other cultures, global economics and human rights. In particular I will talk about:

- **What inspired me as a child and the importance of following your dreams.**
- **Where and how clothes are made.**
- **Indonesia, and why I chose to set my story there.**
- **Global inequality and the disparity between rich and poor.**
- **Child labour and human rights.**
- **The inspirational power of storytelling and sport.**
- **How children can get involved with charities like Amnesty International (and change the world)!**

This Friday, our meeting on the Google Classroom will give the children an opportunity to learn a little more about this book and author in advance of the session as well as to come up with some questions they'd like to ask him during the session.

Here are some details about the session itself:

It will begin at 10am and last for 40 minutes.

It is not going to be taking place in our Google Classroom, instead the author uses Zoom to conduct these sessions so please ensure you have that app downloaded for your children to use prior to it.

Log into the Zoom meeting a few minutes prior to it starting to ensure that the event can start and finish on time.

Just like the class meets, we would like your children to come in with their cameras on but their mics muted.

Due to copyright reasons, could you please refrain from recording the session in any manner.

Your class teacher will post a link to the Zoom in our Google Classrooms at 8pm on Wednesday 3rd March ready for you to click on the next day. If your child is unable to access the Google Classroom for any reason, please get in contact with us via email (year5@branfil.havering.sch.uk) and we will arrange the link to be sent you via that medium instead.

If your child has been attending school during this time, they will also join in with the session from the classroom. The session will be supervised by Mrs Sansom.

We are really excited for your children to have this opportunity not only because the author and his book are fantastic but also because we are keenly aware of how rare these opportunities have been so far in year 5. With this in mind we hope your child takes the opportunity to get involved in this session and if you foresee any difficulties in doing so that we can help with then do not hesitate to ask.

As well as this, we will be uploading some other exciting activities for your children to engage with on World Book Day that will take them away from our usual lessons and instead will focus on the joys of books and reading.

Best regards,

Mr Roberts