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Dear Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Parents

We have been talking with the children about two new exciting opportunities that we been made aware of, that we think some of the children might be interested in following up at home.

### **Children Aged 10 and above**

The first is the Duke of York iDEA programme, which is being promoted through our local libraries. This free programme is aimed at children aged 10+ and can be accessed any time from a phone, tablet or computer. Learners collect badges as they gain new skills – covering a wide range of subjects from GDPR, to graphic design, coding, digital ethics and online safety. Children will need to create a free account at <http://iDEA.org.uk>, where they can earn a unique 'Digital Wirral' badge, which counts towards the Bronze award.

### **Children Aged 8 and above**

The second is a poetry competition with a difference as it is a multilingual poetry competition that celebrates cultural diversity and the many languages spoken across schools in the North West of England. The competition is free to enter, and is open to children from Year 4 to Year 13. It is officially being endorsed by Malala Yousafzai – the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner and an educational activist. Entries have to be submitted through school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Further details about the competition can be accessed by visiting <http://mmu.ac.uk/mothertongueothertongue/>

We hope that you agree that these are great opportunities, which we hope some of our children will be able to enjoy.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

