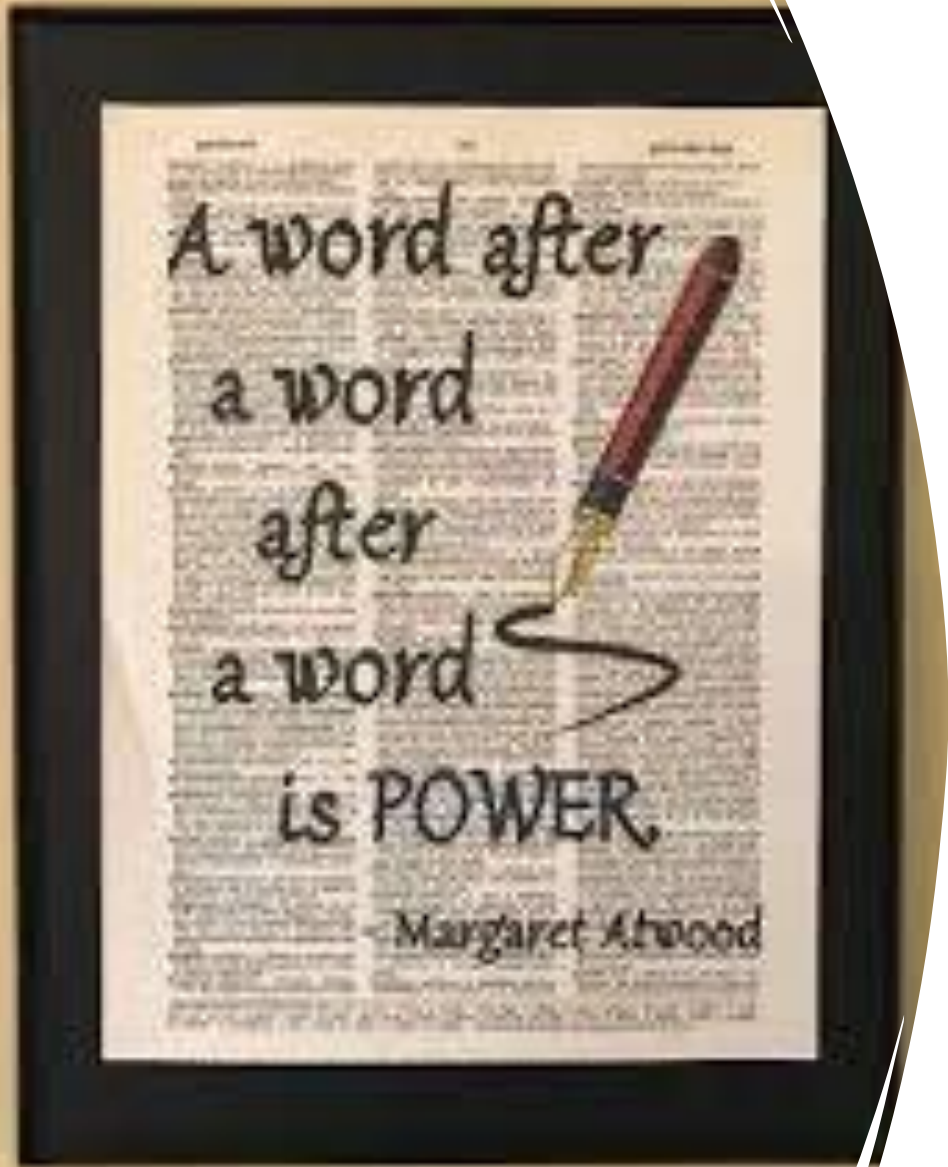


Assembly with Mrs Parkes

International Poetry Day



Why words matter.....

What is poetry?

Poetry doesn't
have to follow
the rules....

Don't be polite.

Bite in.

Pick it up with your fingers and lick the juice that
may run down your chin.

It is ready and ripe now, whenever you are. You do not
need a knife or fork or spoon
or plate or napkin or tablecloth.

For there is no core

or stem

or rind

or pit

or seed

or skin

to throw away Eve Merriam



Nikita Gill, Poet

**'I discovered that poetry
is a place where you can
be yourself and you can
speak your truth.'**

#SpeakYourTruthPoem



this is thi
six a clock
news thi
man said n
thi reason
a talk wia
BBC accent
iz coz yi
widny wahnt
mi ti talk
about thi
trooth wia
voice lik
wanna yoo
scruff. if
a toktaboot
thi trooth
lik wanna yoo
scruff yi
widny thingk
it wuz troo.
jist wanna yoo
scruff tokn.
thirza right
way ti spell
ana right way
to tok it. this
is me tokn yir
right way a
spellin. this
is ma trooth.
yooz doant no
thi trooth
yirsellz cawz
yi canny talk
right. this is
the six a clock
nyooz. belt up.

From 'Unrelated
Incidents' by Tom Leonard



No punctuation or capital letters because this is poem that is meant to be spoken

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No end-stopping which reinforces the notion that this is an auto-cue and is meant to be spoken

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Poem is written phonetically to force the reader to use a Glaswegian accent.

Could also be to make it more difficult to understand which links to the main focus of the poem



Language

Is

Power

Why words matter

- *“thirza right way ti spell ana right way to tok it”.*

- **Language and Identity are inextricably linked**

- **We are how we sound**

- **We are what we say**

- **We are language**



Poetry is Power



Amanda Gorman is a poet and activist.

She performed at Joe Biden's inauguration.

She performed a poem called 'The Hill We Climb'

<https://youtu.be/Wz4YuEvJ3y4>



**And so we
lift our gazes
not to what stands
between us,
but what stands
before us.**

Amanda Gorman

For there is
always light,
if only we're
brave enough
to see it,
if only we're
brave enough
to be it.

- AMANDA GORMAN
22 year old National Youth Poet Laureate



So what about poetry and words at Wey Valley?

Remember we need a range of voices

Remember words are an expression of who we are

Remember we do not have the right to cause hurt with our words



If you are interested in Poetry, Reading, Language,
see Mrs Harding about clubs you can join



We have so many great writers and orators in our community that it may be your time to 'rise up' and make your mark with the written and spoken word.

Try the Orwell Youth Prize: (Year 8-11)

<https://www.orwellfoundation.com/the-orwell-youth-prize/>

Any creative writing/poetry can be submitted to library@weyvalley-academy.co.uk

And finally, keep reading!



"I do believe
something very magical
can happen when you
read a good book."

-J.K. Rowling



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