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Dear Ms Mason,

Thank you for sending such wonderful range of picture books to the ReadingZone Picture Book Competition; it was lovely to see entries from Fairways Primary School this year, particularly as it has been such a difficult year for so many. We were really impressed by the standard of your children's entries, and enjoyed reading all their picture books. This is what our judges said:

"This is a great range of stories, well told and with some lovely illustrations. We can see that the children have put a lot of thought and passion into creating their picture books and we're really impressed by their achievements. We enjoyed all your different ideas for stories, from spy dogs and circuses to lost robins and pollution, and finding out what inspired your ideas. Your picture books have been beautifully presented with lovely writing and wonderful illustrations. Well done to you all for your lovely work.

"There was one picture book that stood out for us, and that was **The Lost Lego Brick**, which had a simple but strong idea threaded through the story of a toy trying to get back to where it was meant to be. The author, Ethan, has created a lovely picture book and we were delighted that it was shortlisted for the competition."

In fact our judge, author and illustrator Mini Grey, went on to select **The Lost Lego Brick** as the **Winner of the Primary Category** – congratulations, Ethan!

Mini said, "I think this is really well-structured. The toys collaborate, there is a map, there is a journey home, and all the characters are woven throughout the story. Ethan has made a very satisfying story. He has put visual variety into his pictorial storytelling with changes of perspective, layouts and settings – while keeping his main theme of a story set within one house. Well done Ethan!"

This is also the second time that Fairways has won the Primary Category; you also won in 2017 for **The Monkey Who Learnt His Lesson**. Well done!

We are delighted to send your school a selection of £100 worth of books for your school library, and we hope all the children enjoy reading the books. Congratulations again to all your pupils for the high quality of their picture book entries. We do hope to see more entries from Fairways Primary School in 2022!

Best wishes,

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