



Somerset Literacy Network

Poetry Competition 2020

Ekphrastic Fantastic!

Somerset Literacy Network and **Resources for Learning** invite young poets from Network schools to enter their Young Poets' Competition 2020. There is **no entry fee**. Entrants are asked to write an ekphrastic poem, i.e. **a poem inspired by a painting or drawing**. Some suggestions and pictures to support teachers and pupils can be found on the SLN website. The prizewinners will receive a poetry book, a beautiful framed copy of their poem and a certificate. All commended poets will receive a certificate. All prizewinning poets will be offered a free place at the Poetry Slam at Dillington House in July where they will have the opportunity to meet acclaimed children's poet, Rachel Rooney, and read their poem if they would like to do so.

COMPETITION RULES

1. There are four categories: FS and KS1; Years 3&4; Years 5&6; Years 7&8.
2. Entrants must have the approval of a teacher. The teacher's contact details must be provided as they will be the person contacted if any of their pupils wins a prize.
(Mrs L Parkinson, Norton sub Hamdon Primary School, Norton sub Hamdon, Somerset TA14 6SF.
Email: NortonSH@educ.somerset.gov.uk)
3. Poems must be the original, unaided work of the poet entering.
4. Poems must be between 8 and 30 lines excluding the title.
5. There can be only one entry per poet.
6. **Please write the poet's name (first name and surname), year group, school and the teacher's contact details on the back of EACH poem.**
7. **Please complete also the entry form we provide. This is essential because of the volume of entries we receive. Thank you!**
8. Poets must keep a second copy of the poem submitted which they can bring to the award ceremony to read from if invited.
9. Poems must be submitted on A4 paper and may be hand-written **or** word-processed.
10. The competition will be judged by staff of Somerset Literacy Network and Resources for Learning. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into regarding the judges' decisions.
11. **Entries must be submitted by Friday 3rd April 2020 Now extended to the end of July 2020.** ~~All schools who have submitted poems will receive notification of the winners in each category by Friday 1st May 2020.~~
12. ~~Prizewinners in each age group will receive a poetry book, a framed copy of their poem, a certificate and an invitation to the Poetry Slam on Monday 8th June 2020 at Dillington House, Ilminster. Commended poets will receive a certificate.~~
13. We regret that poems cannot be returned so make sure you keep a copy.

Thank you for entering and good luck!

Please send poems to: **Annie Fisher, c/o** ~~Resources for Learning, Parkway, Bridgwater TA6 4RL~~ *Somerset Literacy Network, 20 North Street, North Petherton, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 6TE*