

500 Word Creative Writing Competition 2017

Iveson Primary School is proud to announce the launch of the inaugural 500 Word creative writing competition.

This competition is open to all pupils as well as the wider school community; including parents, grandparents, teachers, siblings etc. It's very simple. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it to the school office by the closing date. Stories will be judged in a variety of categories, with the shortlisted finalists being decided by local author and illustrator, Kate Pankhurst. All rules for this completion are on the back of this letter as well as full details of the categories.

kate Pankhurst
*illustrator & author



CLOSING DATE



30th June 2017



500 Words Rules

The competition is organised by Iveson Primary School.

Entrants must write a fictional short story (no more than 500 words in length). Entry is via submission to the school office. Entrants must also provide their name, gender and their age. All stories should be submitted in English. We can only accept stories which are 500 words or under. Please make sure you check the word count before submitting your story.

Entry opens on Tuesday 2nd May 2017. Entry closes on Friday 30th June 2017 at 15:00. Submissions received outside of this time frame will not be considered, so please do not wait until the last minute to submit your entry.

Entrants can only enter individually. Only one entry per person is permitted and the story must be wholly written by the entrant only; stories cannot be written by more than one person. If more than one entry is submitted, only the entrant's first submission will be considered.

Entries must be an original piece of fiction and not an account of real events – either historical or current. However, stories can feature well known public figures from present day or from history (e.g. Wayne Rooney or Charles Darwin) take place in historical eras (e.g. the English Civil War) or use real-life experiences as a creative springboard as long as the story is FICTIONAL. The entrant warrants that they have not used material or depicted events that actually took place or used the personal details of any living persons in the story.

All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party.

Adults may correct spelling where the meaning of the word might otherwise be misconstrued. However, we ask that none of the words used are changed. Grammar also has to stay the same. You may scribe for your child, as long as none of the words used are changed. Stories are marked on their creative use of language.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Plot
- Characterisation
- Language
- Enjoyment

Prizes will be awarded to the 3 finalists in each age category: Gold winners, Silver winners and Bronze winners in the categories below:

- Age 5 – 7
- Age 8 – 11
- School Community (including teachers, parents, grandparents, older siblings, previous pupils, other school staff, other relatives, community members, etc.).

Good luck.



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