

# National Poetry Day Competition

28th September – 31st October 2022

National Poetry Day is a UK-wide celebration of poetry, taking place on 6th October 2022, and this year the theme is The Environment. We know how passionate students are about the environment and what better way to show this passion than through poetry. This is why we are launching our first poetry competition.

## Who can enter

- The competition is aimed at children between the ages of 5 to 11, and additionally any children up to the age of 18 who attend SEND provision or have additional needs.
- Each school can submit up to 3 entries for the competition, either one per grouping or 3 in one category, Schools will need to decide which poems to submit.
- There is an under 6s, under 9s and an under 12s category. Children who turn 6 before 1st September 2022 should enter the under 6s category, children who turn 9 before 1st September 2022 should enter the under 9s category and others should enter the under 12s category.
- Children who attend SEND provision should be allocated the appropriate age category by their teacher.
- Entries will be collated into 3 poetry books and be able to be read in Serial Mash.

## How to enter

- Schools enter by submitting their poems by email to [competitions@2simple.com](mailto:competitions@2simple.com)
- Home users can also take part by emailing one submission to [competitions@2simple.com](mailto:competitions@2simple.com) using the same email that they used to purchase their home licence.

## Important dates

- The competition is open from the 26th September to the 28th October 2022.
- Judging will commence on the 29th October.
- Winners will be announced shortly after the judging\*.

\*The judges decision is final and we will have 1 overall winner, for each category. Winners and runners up will be contacted as soon as possible after the competition has closed and no later than 16th December 2022.

## Prizes

We will select one 'winner' randomly from each category, the selected poem will win the following:

- Poem recorded and read by Leona Lewis
- £50 voucher for the school towards subscription of Serial Mash
- £20 book token for the pupil who wrote the poem
- School and pupil to choose an animal to adopt for the year.

\*The prize dictated is for UK winners. If an international pupil wins the competition, the prize will be decided by the 2Simple Head Office within your country and is subject to change.

## Resources

To support you in school with poetry and the environment, any school can sign up for an extended trial of Serial Mash. There are also a range of resources within Purple Mash and we have also made these open access for the month of the competition alongside a National Poetry Day publishing/writing project that children can use to structure their poem.

## Terms and Conditions

- The competition is open to all schools.
- Only three entries per school.
- Please ensure all poems are the original work of the child.
- Teachers can assist children with work but must not do it for them!
- The closing date for all entries is 28th October 2022.
- We will contact the winners through their school.
- The judges' decision is final.

## Support

Should you need any support during the course of the competition, please email [competitions@2simple.com](mailto:competitions@2simple.com)