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Mirfield Show Lockdown Story and Poem Writing E-mail and postal competition



Enter your stories and poems in the Mirfield Show 2020 competition



Revised details

The 2020 theme is producing food, even in difficult times

Take part in Mirfield Show Story and Poem Competition

We invite writing about food and farming, the natural environment, challenges, working hard to keep us all fed despite danger and difficulties, "make do and mend", recycling/upcycling, and all sorts of writing that the judge likes – the choice is yours!

... and we have new picture classes for younger creatives!

Ice cream vouchers for the winners of each class and for the best writing in these categories: Farming:

Digging for Victory/Self-sufficiency: Countryside creatures: Environmental: Cooking in adversity: Recycling/Upcycling: Atmospheric– and for the best pictures in classes 6 and 7.

Class 1 – Open to all – open to all adults and young people from the age of 15 – a story of no more than 2800 words or a poem of no more than 40 lines that revolves around agriculture or any other food production theme.

Class 2 – writers 13 to 14 years of age – a story of no more than 1600 words or a poem of no more than 30 lines.

Class 3 – writers 11 to 12 years of age – a story of no more than 1200 words or a poem of no more than 25 lines.

Class 4 – writers 9 to 10 years of age – a story of no more than 800 words or a poem of no more than 20 lines. This may include a picture that helps to tell the story.

Class 5 – writers up to 8 years of age – a story of no more than 600 words or a poem of no more than 16 lines. This may include a picture that helps to tell the story.

Class 6 – creatives 5 to 6 years of age – a picture in any medium, based around any part of the story "Good work", which is available from our website or by emailing writers@mirfieldshow.com. (Story intended to be read to the entrant.)

Class 7 – creatives 4 years of age and younger - a picture in any medium, based around any part of the story "Good work", which is available from our website or by emailing writers@mirfieldshow.com. (Story intended to be read to the entrant.)

Class 8 – all creatives up to 6 years of age – a picture that tells a story **created by the artist** and that is accurately written down by someone else and submitted with the picture.

Thank you to our sponsor, Charlotte's Ice Cream Parlour, who is giving ice cream voucher prizes!

Entry to the competition is free!

The closing date is 31 July 2020 and winners will be announced by 18 August 2020.

Please legibly write or type your story or poem on one side of as many sheets of paper you need. Contact details for postal entries must be on a separate and securely attached piece of paper. You need to give your name and telephone/mobile number (an address is helpful – school is OK) and, if you are under 15, your age. If under 18, please provide your parent or other responsible adult's confirmation that they agree the competition terms.

The creative writing competition terms and conditions are simple;

1. Stories and poems may be displayed on Mirfield Show's website, with the writer's name, in the run-up to judging. If you do not wish your work to appear on our website, we will respect your wishes if you let us know when you send in your entry.
2. All stories, poems and pictures must be submitted for judging by 31st July 2020. (Acknowledgement of receipt on request.)
3. Pictures for classes 6, 7 and 8 can be any size up to A3 size (30 cm x 42cm) and may be photographed and submitted via email.
4. The judge's decision will be final.
5. If there are fewer than five entries in a class, we reserve the right to amalgamate classes, and re-award the prizes.
6. Entries should be e-mailed to writers@mirfieldshow.com or posted to Mirfield Show Story and Poem Competition, 51 Springfield Park, Mirfield WF14 9PE.
7. We may include a selection of winning stories, poems and pictures on our website. If you do not wish your winning entry to appear on our website, we will respect your wishes if you let us know when you send in your entry.
8. Mirfield Agricultural Show Society Limited, or any related person, cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage caused to people or property whilst taking part or to entries in transit.