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Mirfield Show Story and Poem Writing Competition 2022



Prizes in each class and for all sorts of writing that the judge likes.



The 2022 theme is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - citizenship, togetherness, celebration, saying "Thank you". There are special picture classes for younger creatives.

The competition is open to all - individuals, schools, and other groups - and closes for judging on 7th August 2022. Winning entries will be displayed in the main marquee at the show on Sunday 21st August 2022 and then at Through the Wardrobe.

 There are terrific prizes of £10 book vouchers from Through the Wardrobe Bookshop, Mirfield, for the writer of the best entry in each class, and the most atmospheric writing, the best sport-related writing and the best picture from classes 4 or 5.

 **School Prize – vouchers to the value of £50 to spend at Through the Wardrobe Bookshop for the school or nursery that submits the best school entry in classes 2 to 8 – and a reserve prize of £25 of vouchers.**
Age will be taken into account.

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.

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 "Here she comes!", which is reproduced overleaf. (This is 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 "Here she comes!", which is reproduced overleaf. (This is intended to be read to the entrant.)

Class 8 – creatives up to 6 years of age – a picture that tells a theme-related story – words welcome but not essential.

Entry to the competition is free!

The closing date is 7th August 2022 and winners will be announced by 18 August 2022.

Please legibly write or type your story or poem on one side of as many sheets of paper you need. Contact details for all 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 – your school is OK) and - if you are under 15 - your age. If you are under 18, please provide your parent or other responsible adult's confirmation that they agree the competition terms.

Your entry may be as short as you like.

The creative writing competition terms and conditions are simple;

1. All stories and poems must be submitted for judging by 7th August 2022. (Acknowledgement of receipt on request.)
2. Pictures for classes 6 and 7 and 8 can be any size up to A3 size (30 cm x 42cm) and may be entered by post or delivery to 51 Springfield Park, Mirfield WF14 9PE. Alternative arrangements can be made – please contact writers@mirfieldshow.com
3. If there are fewer than five entries in a class, we reserve the right to amalgamate classes, and re-award the prizes.
4. Entries should be e-mailed to writers@mirfieldshow.com or posted to Mirfield Show Story and Poem Competition, 51 Springfield Park, Mirfield WF14 9PE.
5. The judge's decision will be final.
6. Your story or poem may be displayed or reproduced at the show and at Through the Wardrobe.
7. We may include a selection of winning stories, poems, and pictures on our website. If you do not wish your story or poem to appear on our website, we will respect your wishes if you let us know when you send in your entry.

Here she Comes!

All of a sudden, everyone gasps and cheers excitedly, and even the grown-ups frantically wave red, white and blue flags.

“What’s happening Grandad?”

“Her gold coach is coming! Listen! Can you hear the horses’ hooves clattering on the road? Can you hear the fanfare of trumpets – toowoo!”

“No grandad, there’s too much shouting!”

Dad and Grandad lift Tom and Sara onto their shoulders so that they can see the handsome prancing horses, the gold coach glittering like a giant crown in the sunshine, and the smiling Queen waving back at everyone. Ranks of smart soldiers riding silver horses in special red uniforms and wearing plumed helmets lead the way or ride alongside or follow neatly behind.

Grandad whispers, “I was about your age when the Queen got crowned and it was just as spectacular then, all those seventy years ago. I remember it like it was yesterday.”

“Really Grandad?”

“Aye, she looked just like a princess bride, like she was getting married to her new job, so pretty too. Now she’s off to the church again, so everyone can give thanks for her long reign.”

“Is she Queen of everyone?”

“Well, not everyone but she has lots of countries all around the world to share her time with and to think about helping and I’m sure that she thinks about them all the time, talking to them all like friends.”

“If she has lots of friends, she must be going to have a huge party!”

“Mirfield might have its own Jubilee beacon on the Showground! So, well yes, we’re all part of it!”

“Wow, is the Queen going to come to MacDonalds with us?”

“Err, no, there wouldn’t be room for all the horses and soldiers!”

“Grandad, you’re so funny!”

