

UWNL Children's Story Writing Competition 2019

Entry is Now Open

Last year we had a wonderful response to our competition with local children producing some amazing stories about the environment. This year we want you to write a story entitled “**A Night to Remember**” to be published in this newsletter. We want you to be as creative as possible with your story. It could be about an imaginary character or a true story about yourself. It could be written from the point of view of an animal or set in the past about an historical event, it is totally up to you and your imagination. Your story must be between 300 and 500 words and be emailed to uwnlinput@gmail.com by **Thursday 31st October**. There are two age categories; 7-9 and 10-11 year olds. You could win £50 and a trophy and also a prize for your Primary School. You could become a published writer as winning stories will appear in the February edition of this newsletter which is read by over 1,500 people! We will also be inviting our winners to be young newsletter correspondents for a year. The rules, prizes and how to enter are detailed below. Primary schools in the Newsletter area will be encouraging children to enter and can help with advice and access to computers etc. Local author, Ann Pilling is our judge and she advises ‘Write me a story that will make me sit up and take notice. Scare me. Thrill me. Puzzle me. (all three if you like). Dream up some colourful characters and use colourful words to tell their stories.’. Happy writing and we can't wait to read your stories.

PRIZES

- The winner in each age group will receive a £50 book voucher and a trophy to keep.
- The runners up in each age group will receive a £25 book voucher and a certificate
- The winning stories will be published in the February edition of the UWNL.
- The winning children will be invited to be correspondents for the newsletter for a year.
- The winning children's Primary School in each age group will hold the Alan Watkinson Memorial Shield (for 7-9 or 10-11yr olds) for 1 year and receive a book voucher for £100

HOW TO ENTER

- Write your story – it must be type written and between 300 and 500 words long (your school can help you with access to computers and email)
- Email your entry to uwnlinput@gmail.com
- Ensure your name, age, name of your school, email and postal addresses are included on your work (otherwise we can't enter your work into the competition)
- Entries need to reach us by **Friday 31st October 2019**

RULES

- Only one entry per person. The story must be your own original work and you must have your parent/guardian's permission to enter
- **Entrants must be 7-11 years old at the time of entering, attending a Primary School and resident in the UWNL area**
- Stories must be between 300 and 500 words with a title of “A Night to Remember” and reach us by Thursday 31st October 2019.
- The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The winners and runners-up will be notified by email by 1st December 2019. Prizes will be awarded in January 2020
- The UWNL reserves the right to publish any story entered into the competition.