

The BIG Launch -UWNL Children's Story Writing Competition

We are inviting entries for our new competition for local children aged 7-11. We want you to write a story about **the environment** to be published in this newsletter. We want you to be as creative as possible with your story. It could be set in the future or be about an environmental superhero, it could be about a local issue affecting your life or be about environmental concerns for the planet. It could be funny or serious, a horror or mystery story as long as it has an environmental theme. You could write from your own or perhaps an animal's point of view, it's totally up to you and your imagination. Your story must be between 300 and 500 words and be emailed to uwnlinput@gmail.com by **Friday 31st October**. There are two age categories; 7-9 and 10-11 year olds. You could win £50 and a trophy and also book vouchers for your school. You could become a published writer as winning stories will appear in the February edition of the 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. Our local primary schools will be encouraging children to enter and can help with advice and access to computers etc. Local author, Ann Pilling is our judge who told us "I will be looking for really good stories that have a beginning, middle and end, for colourful words and unusual ideas that make me sit up and take notice". 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 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 £100 book voucher.

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 2018**

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 and resident in the UWNL area
- Stories must be between 300 and 500 words on the theme of **"the environment"** and reach us by Friday 31st October 2018.
- 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 2018
- The UWNL reserves the right to publish any story entered into the competition.