

Annual competition for schools in the UK

A recipe (for happiness)

At a time when reports about languages education can seem worrying, it is fantastic to see the hundreds and hundreds of entries coming from all around the country for the annual writing competition – and in a great range of language and styles!

This is a great tribute to the interest and imagination of students and the commitment of teachers and demonstrates that language skills, creativity and international understanding are of continuing importance to people in our global society.

Many of the entries were beautifully presented and pupils in Primary and Secondary interpreted the competition theme - *A recipe (for happiness)* - in a wonderful variety of ways. There were texts that looked like recipes, lists of things that make you happy, cartoons and computer art, poems and stories in a wide range of languages (which meant we had to broaden our judging panels) including our first entry on Braille paper. Older students produced extended writing, often very accurate and showing skill in grammatical manipulation.

The organisers congratulate language departments and pupils for taking part in this competition. We are delighted that this year's theme has again clearly inspired people. Prize-winners are being contacted by post.

The following is the list of Commendations:

KS2
School commendation: Stephen Perse Foundation, Cambridge Large number of interesting entries
School commendation: Europa School, Culham, Abingdon
School commendation: Grange Primary School Farjana and Piranthis
Individual commendations: Nathalie at Bute House Mariam at Gosforth Central Middle Faith at St James RC Primary, Hebburn Shu-Yan and Aisha at Hugh Gaitskell Primary School, Leeds
KS3
School commendation: Holy Cross Catholic High School, Chorley Large number of entries
School commendation: North London Collegiate School Exceptional standard of many entries
School commendation: Egglescliffe School

Range of entries
School commendation – Kingsmeadow School, Gateshead
School commendation: Benfield School
Individual commendations: Molly-Rose at St Mary's School, Gerrards Cross
Aanya at St Mary's School , Bucks.
Darren and Artem at Queen Elizabeth School
Hannah at RGS Newcastle
Christopher at Richard Coates School, Ponteland
KS4
Individual commendations: Jemima at RGS Newcastle
Alessia at St Mary's School, Gerrards Cross
Louisa-May at St Anne's Catholic High School Palmers Green

PRIZE-WINNERS:

Age group	Name	School
Lower Primary	Reggie (aged 5)	Hugh Gaitskell Primary School, Leeds
Upper Primary	Chinmayee	Stephen Perse Foundation, Cambridge
	Mehnaz	Monkseaton Middle School, Whitley Bay
KS3	Hannah	Egglescliffe School
	Chakshu	Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet
	Laki	Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne
	Rim Abo	Benfield School, Newcastle upon Tyne
	Lara	North London Collegiate School
KS4	Amy	Holy Cross Catholic High School, Chorley
	Vineeth	Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet