

Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators

Interview with winners from Glenlola Collegiate School



At Glenlola Collegiate School in Bangor, N. Ireland we have participated in the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators in both 2021 and 2022. We have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and creativity the competition has offered our pupils. In 2021 we won the Level 2 and Level 3 categories for Spanish and received a commendation for Level 4 Spanish. This success continued in 2022 where we won the Level 2 category for Spanish and received a commendation in Level 2 French.

Our students have enjoyed the opportunity to translate texts in French, German and Spanish and pupils of all ages have taken part.

Recently our winners from last year, Melisa and Leonie, gave **their** views on the competition.

Why did you want to take part in the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators?

We find it fun learning new languages and we enjoyed the creativity involved in choosing the best words and phrases in English to best get the meaning across.

What did you find challenging about the task?

For some phrases in Spanish or French it was difficult to find a suitable equivalent in English. We also had to think carefully about how to make our translations rhyme, or create the same structure as they had in the original language.

What are the benefits of taking part in this competition?

You can take the skills you learn in class a little bit further. We both really enjoyed seeing texts, poems and stories in different languages. We see lots of books in English, but it was fun to see real texts in French and Spanish.

Where do you hope languages will take you?

Melisa – I would like to live in Spain in the future, and being able to speak foreign languages will help me in the world of work.

Leonie- I love reading and writing and so I really enjoy learning words in other languages to express how things make you feel. The choice of words can be very powerful in any language.

Are you taking part this year?

Yes of course!