

Virtual School Poetry Competition

Summary

1. The report comprises the winning entries for the poetry competition run by the Virtual School.

Background

2. The competition was a way of raising the profile of writing (an area for improvement in attainment) with the cohort and foster carers but also celebrating achievement.

Consultation

3. The entries were taken to a Virtual School meeting where members, including school improvement and Children's Trust partners, voted on the winning entries.

Focus on Writing

One of our priorities this year has been with regards writing. Through the Show Me That I Matter newsletter we sent out a request for poems about the theme of peace.

We received lots of lovely entries and below are the winners' poems:

We were delighted with the work that had gone in to writing them and the effort some children had gone to illustrate them too. Unfortunately for confidentiality reasons we cannot reprint them here as they had children and young people's names on them.

First prize winners

I wish for peace,
That's not too much to ask,
But people fail with that task.
Waking up in a world of war,
Makes everything feel sore.
People must learn to get along,
Or our world will do us wrong.
Everyone should give a helping hand,
But I have never seen anything more than a demand.
Change red and black to pink and gold,
Or our world will shred us all.
Never seen such a terrible place
For what it's worth we could change the human race.

KD

Peace from god above us.
Everybody's happy, may peace be with us.
Arguing doesn't solve anything.
Caring for people should be one of our main priorities.
Every time you hear the word peace remember what it means.

LRP

Peace is people making peace in the world.
Peace with each other.
Peace is calm and gentle.
Keep calm, keep peace.

SK

Highly commended prizes

Tranquility

Peace is beautiful, quiet, still and calm.

No arguing! No guns! No war!

Peace is my life, colours bright, flowers white.

Peace – what is the definition of peace?

Freedom from fear.

Friendship, kindness, trust.

Blissful existence.

Nations speak of peace.

BH

Pease for company

Everyone is happy

Arguing is not allowed

Care for one another

End of all fights.

Anonymous – if whoever wrote this poem wants to write it out in their own handwriting, so it can be checked, and send it to the Virtual School with their name and address Sarah Clarke has a prize to send you.

Please help all children

Enjoy happy moments.

Always be kind and love one another.

Control your anger and stay calm.

Everybody should be included.

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The link to the poetry competition entries on the Virtual School website is:

<http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/workforce2014/Virtual%20School/virtualschool>