



Recitation competition

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Dear parent/carer

As you may know, your child, Aamina Khan, was entered by their school for the *Key Stage 2 Individual Recitation* category of the 2019-20 Poetry By Heart competition. We are writing to let you know the outcome and to pass on the judges' comments so you can share them with your child. The Key Stage 2 poem performances were judged by a team of poets, poetry experts and educators from the organisations which make up Poetry By Heart's partnership. Mike Dixon and myself from the Poetry By Heart team moderated and adjudicated the process overall to make sure all the contestants were judged fairly and according to the Poetry By Heart criteria.

We can tell you that Aamina was Commended in the London Central contest county. The judges' feedback is below:

Poem 1: 'The Sleepy Giant'

Thank you for your work with the poem, Aamina. You seem to enjoy the poem, and this is lovely to see, and helps draw the reader in. When you pace the words well, this understanding is at its strongest. I enjoyed listening to you.

Poem 2: 'The Eggshell'

Your voice is relatively quiet, but pleasingly confident and this suited the poem well.

Congratulations! The judges were impressed by how all the children managed to learn two poems by heart and loved watching their poem performances - each one a unique interpretation. It will be interesting to see how these memorised poems stay and develop with your child as they grow older.

We will send a printed letter, certificate and poetry prize to every contestant who entered the competition once we can do this safely. For now, we attach a digital certificate.

With warmest best wishes, on behalf of all the judges and the Poetry By Heart team,

Julie

Julie Blake
Director, Poetry By Heart