



Recitation competition

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Dear Stella Wilson

We are writing to thank you for entering Aamina Khan in the *Key Stage 2 Individual Recitation* category of the 2019-20 Poetry By Heart competition. After your competition entry upload, the young people's 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.

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.

Everyone was impressed by how the young people managed to learn two poems by heart and share them out loud and watching these performances was a joy. We only judged school winners' performances and you will have seen other wonderful recitations by the pupils in your school. It will be interesting to see how all these memorised poems develop in the minds of these young people as they grow older.

We will send a printed letter, certificate and poetry prize to every child who entered the competition once we can do this safely. For now, we attach a digital certificate along with a letter to the child's parent or carer in case you are able to forward these.

Thank you for taking part in Poetry By Heart. We couldn't do any of this without you and all the other teachers and librarians who make Poetry By Heart available to their students in such vibrant, imaginative and thoughtful ways.

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

Julie

Julie Blake
Director, Poetry By Heart