

Cirrus Trust World Poetry Day Competition

In 1999, World Poetry Day was introduced, with the aim of promoting the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry around the world. It is an opportunity to appreciate the power of poetry and how it can capture the creative spirit of the human mind.

As a Trust, we have decided to celebrate World Poetry Day, on **Monday 21st March**, as we know that reading poetry teaches children how to express their emotions and put into words how they feel. It also introduces children to new vocabulary and rhythms, as poetry is often rich with interesting and varied language and poetic devices.

We would like to invite all children in our Trust to take part in the Cirrus Poetry Competition

The winning poets at Avenue, Barrow Hedges, Rushy Meadow, Stanley Park Infants and Wallington Primary Academy will not only **win best poet for their school** but could potentially be named the **best poet of the Trust**, winning their school an **amazing prize!** Prizes will also be awarded to all individual winners in schools and their poetry will be shared and **celebrated across all our schools!** If we get enough poetry, we will create a book of Cirrus poetry to be enjoyed in every school.

To enter, choose a topic that is special to you and write a poem! It can be any type of poetry: acrostic, free verse, limerick, rhyming, non-rhyming... You can decorate your poetry with drawings or even have a go at writing a shape poem! **Make sure that you write your name, class, year group and school on the back of your poem.** Your poem must be handed in to your teacher or the school office **by Friday 25th March.**

Winners for each school will be chosen by the English Leaders and the overall winner will be decided by the CEO of our Trust, Sharon Roberts.

Good luck!



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