

MODERN ENGLISH SCHOOL CAIRO



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BSME PRIMARY WRITING EVENT 2019 –2020

Dear Headteacher,

We are pleased to announce that our Primary Student Council will be hosting our annual Primary Writing Event throughout the next academic year in association with British Schools in the Middle East. This is an online competition, which was launched in 2017, to provide students who attend schools in the Middle East with the opportunity to demonstrate their ideas and imagination through writing. It also offers students a platform to an international audience who will read and judge their work. In today's world, it is becoming increasingly important that young people are given the opportunity to express their ideas creatively. We hope that such creativity will be fostered through this event, giving aspiring young writers a chance to shine.

Our previous competitions, 'Dear Future Me' and 'Portal to the Pyramids' have encouraged students to get excited about writing and practising with different genres has broadened their overall writing experience. Most importantly, the feedback we have received from participating schools indicates that the activities provided have made writing fun and relevant for students of all ages.

The theme for next year's competition will be a diary entry entitled 'A Day in the Life of...' which we have purposefully left open-ended as we hope that schools can easily integrate this writing task into the curriculum in all year groups.

The format for the event will be similar to our previous competitions with each participating school submitting one entry from the following age categories:

- **Years 1 and 2**
- **Years 3 and 4**
- **Years 5 and 6**

Next year we intend to host the event throughout Terms 1 and 2. Please see the provisional schedule below.

Event	Date
Registration	Thursday 10 th October 2019
Writing submission deadline	Thursday 20 th February 2020
Judging period	Sunday 15 th – Thursday 26 th March 2020
Announcement of winners	Thursday 9 th April 2020



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Prizes will be awarded for the first place in each year group category and BSME will provide digital certificates to all final participants.

A registration form will be sent to schools in September 2019 along with further information on the theme and a Code of Conduct for the event. In the meantime, if you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me: hofs@mescairo.com

Yours faithfully,

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