

MES Cairo BSME Primary Creative Writing Event 2020 - 2021



Inspiring young writers across the Middle East



Modern English School Cairo is pleased to launch this year's writing event in collaboration with BSME.

We are pleased to announce that our Primary Student Council will be hosting our annual Primary Writing Event in association with British Schools in the Middle East. This is an online competition, which was launched in 2017, to provide students who attend BSME member schools in the Middle East with an 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 the current situation, it is important that young people are given the opportunity to express themselves creatively. We hope that such creativity will be fostered through this event, giving aspiring young writers the opportunity to shine.



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The theme of the event this year will be Wishing Tales.

'The Wishgranter' could be:

- A poem or story about wishes coming true
- A poem or story about wishes going wrong

We have purposefully left this open-ended as we hope that schools can easily integrate the writing event into their curriculum in all year groups. Further information will be shared with participating schools once registration is complete.



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**



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Code of Conduct:

1. The event is open to students in Years 1-6 who have registered and attend a BSME member school.
2. If schools wish to participate in this event, they must complete the registration form by 3:00pm on or before **Sunday 22nd November 2020**.
3. The deadline for receiving actual event entries is **Thursday 11th March 2021**. Any entries after this period will not be considered.
4. Each participating school can submit one entry in the following categories:
Years 1 and 2 – 100 words maximum, artwork may be included
Years 3 and 4 – 300 words maximum, artwork may be included
Years 5 and 6 – 500 words maximum, no artwork
5. When submitting a student's entry, the school must choose their top submission per age category, then email the entries to bmeason@mescairo.com



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Code of Conduct Continued:

6. The judges will be looking for an entry that:
 - is well written, including the use of appropriate features
 - uses ambitious vocabulary
 - demonstrates creativity, imagination and style
 - engages the reader's attention using original ideas
 - is a **true reflection** of the student's ability
7. In all cases, all details on the entry form must be completed, including the student's first name and family name, and the school contact details (phone/email/postal address) of the teacher submitting the entry on the child's behalf.
8. Event organisers will not accept any late entries, or entries not successfully emailed.
9. By entering a piece of writing into the writing event, the entrant agrees and accepts: The event guidelines expressed in the Code of Conduct, that BSME and Modern English School Cairo may publish entered poems or stories both in print and online, including on their websites and social media channels and for PR purposes; in such cases the writer's first name and school will be shown together with the poem or story.



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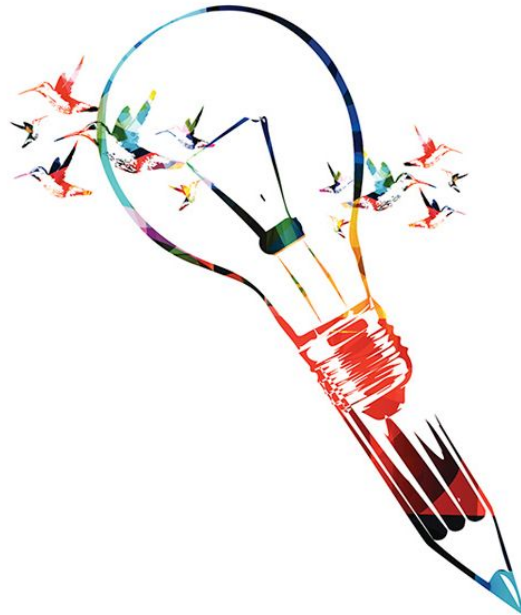


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10. Entries must be the original work of the entrant and not copied from any source. Students may collaborate over ideas; however final pieces of work must be composed and edited independently.
11. The judging panel will consist of members of Modern English School Cairo's Primary Student Council and external judges from other BSME schools in Cairo.
12. The judging panel will select one winning entry for each of the age categories from the entries received by the competition deadline of **Thursday 11th March 2021**.
13. The winners of the event will be announced by **Thursday 3rd June 2021**.
14. The decision of the judges is final and at the absolute discretion of the panel.
15. All entries submitted will receive a certificate of participation.
16. BSME will provide digital certificates to final and winning participants.
17. Winners will be showcased on the BSME websites and social media.
18. Prizes will be provided for the overall winning entry in each age group.



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Provisional schedule:

Event	Date
Registration Deadline	Sunday 22nd November 2020
Submission deadline	Thursday 11th March 2021
Judging period	Sunday 11th April 2021 - Thursday 22nd April 2021
Announcement of winners	By Thursday 3rd June 2021

Complete the registration form - [Registration Form](#)

Submit your work to - bmeason@mescairo.com



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