

# MES Cairo BSME Primary Creative Writing Event

2021 - 2022



## Inspiring young writers across the Middle East



### Modern English School Cairo once again has the pleasure to launch the 2021 - 2022 writing event in collaboration with BSME.

MES Cairo's Primary Student Council will be helping to promote and judge our annual Primary Creative Writing Event in association with British Schools in the Middle East. The BSME writing competition is an online competition launched in 2017 to provide students who attend BSME member schools in the Middle East with an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity. Since its launch, some extremely talented young writers have submitted their work to an international audience to read. We hope that aspiring young writers will be given the opportunity to shine through platforms such as this.



The theme of the event this year will be

## HERO WANTED...

The world needs a new superhero. Write a thrilling story, poem or a short graphic novel about your superhero (real-life or imaginary) and describe how they will save humanity.



### AGE CATEGORIES

Each participating school may submit **one entry** from each of the following age 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, artwork may be included**

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**.
3. The deadline for receiving actual event entries is **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. Any entries after this period cannot 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, artwork may be included**
5. When submitting a student's entry, the school must choose their top submission per age category, then email is chosen entries to [bmeason@mescairo.com](mailto:bmeason@mescairo.com)
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 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 cannot 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 entries 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 entry.



## Code of Conduct Continued:

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. Each school when selecting final pieces must ensure originality.
11. The judging panel will consist of Modern English School Cairo's Primary Student Council members 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.
13. The winners of the event will be announced by **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**.
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.



## Schedule:

Event	Date
Registration Deadline	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
Submission deadline	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
Judging period	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2022
Announcement of winners	By Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022



## Sponsors:

The event has two great sponsors this year who are providing some fantastic prizes;

**Engage** will provide the Winners of each age category with an Amazon voucher for the value of 400 AED.

**Fiction Express** will provide prizes to the schools that each Winner attends. Each school will receive an annual subscription to their innovative book platform that connects students with professional authors.

Please complete the registration form [here](#).

Submit your work to - [bmeason@mescairo.com](mailto:bmeason@mescairo.com)

