

## 2020 Poetry of Science Competition Information and Terms & Conditions

Can you write a terrific scientific poem? Then enter the IF Oxford 2020 Poetry of Science Competition for a chance to win some fantastic prizes!

### Who can enter?

The competition is open to any child at primary or secondary school, or home-schooled in Oxfordshire or Buckinghamshire, and will be judged in three age categories:

- School Year 2 and below (i.e. Key stage 1)
- School Years 3 – 6 (i.e. Key Stage 2)
- School Years 7 – 11 (i.e. Key Stages 3 and 4)

The judging process will take into account the skills and knowledge that would be expected from a pupil of his / her age. A Year 3 student, for example, should not be concerned about being judged in the same category as Year 6 students.

Entries can be made through your school, or individually, with your parent / guardian's consent. Please make sure your entry form has e-mail contact details for either your teacher or parent / guardian.

### What can I win?

- The winning poem and two runners up from each age category will be performed at a special event at IF Oxford, the science and ideas festival over the weekend of 17/ 18 October 2020. Winning poems will be published online and in a printed anthology.
- Other prizes will include science kits donated by John Adams Toys and books donated by Ivy Kids and Nosy Crow and half-day science shows delivered in-school by Science Oxford  
[www.scienceoxford.com/schools](http://www.scienceoxford.com/schools)

### What sort of poem can I write?

- Your poem can be in any poetry style you like - (how about a limerick, haiku, acrostic poem, rap or sonnet?). Your poem doesn't have to rhyme.
- Your poem should have something to do with science. It could be about a scientific idea or discovery; a science lesson or experiment; a scientific issue that is important to you; a famous scientist, or just why you love science!
- Your poem should be a maximum of 150 words.

### What do I need to do?

Simply write your poem on the official entry form and send it by email to [cathy.rose@oxscifest.org](mailto:cathy.rose@oxscifest.org) or by post to Oxfordshire Science Festival, Oxford Centre for Innovation, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1BY to arrive by Thursday 30 April 2020.

## Terms and conditions:

- Entries must be original, in English, and submitted on or accompanied by the official entry form.
- All poems entered must have something to do with science.
- All entries must be received by Thursday 30 April 2020.
- Entrants must be primary or secondary school students, or home schooled in Oxfordshire or Buckinghamshire at the time of entry. Entries can be made via the school, or individually by a parent or guardian.
- The competition is free to enter.
- Multiple entries from a class may be submitted together, but each student may only enter one poem.
- Poems can be submitted by email or as paper copies by post. Poems sent as paper copies must be either typed or written in ink. Please do not submit poems written in pencil.
- There will be a winner and two runners up for each age category, which will be published online ([www.oxfordshiresciencefestival.com](http://www.oxfordshiresciencefestival.com) and [www.brookes.ac.uk/poetry-centre](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/poetry-centre)) and performed at a Festival event in October 2020.
- By entering the competition, the author grants to the Festival the non-exclusive right to edit and publish their poem across all platforms and in all media (in whole or in part, transcribed or otherwise) in perpetuity throughout the world for the educational and promotional purposes of the Festival and the competition. Such uses include but are not limited to print and online publication or broadcast, eg. in Festival and related websites and social media sites such as YouTube and Facebook or radio and television.
- A winning entrant / class may (by permission) have their photograph published in print or online.
- Prizes are non-transferrable and there is no cash alternative.
- The judges' decision is final.
- By entering the competition you are agreeing to your contact details being held in accordance with IF Oxford's Data Management Policy [www.if-oxford.com/data-management-policy](http://www.if-oxford.com/data-management-policy)

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