

National Poetry Day: Competition winners!



In our first assembly back after the Halloween half term, Gateways celebrated all things poetry by listening to the 6 winning entries from this year's National Poetry Day competition. This event was started last year by Miss Logue with the hope to instil a school wide appreciation and share her own passion for poetry.

This year, 6 winners were selected, with one picked out as the Overall Star entry, and their poems will be displayed proudly in the English Department. The winners were (pictured above, left to right):

Alya, Lower 4

Sophie, Upper 4

Giovanni, Lower 5

Malaika, Lower 4

Esme, Lower 6

Sebastian, Lower 5 (not pictured)

Giovanni's poem was selected as the Star poem as we felt it perfectly captured the spirit of the competition, the theme of 'Refuge', and sense of finding celebration in poetry. Please read and enjoy his poem which is featured below.

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In the realm of words, I find my retreat,
Where thoughts and feeling find their beat.
A refuge in verses, lines that I craft,
A world where my voice finds its gentle draft.

Pen to paper, or keys softly pressed,
In poetry's embrace, I am truly blessed.
A sanctuary of expression, open and wide,
Where my thoughts and dreams can freely glide.

Through metaphors and stanzas, my heart takes flight,
In the realm of poetry, there is no plight.
A safe place to be, authentically me,
In every word written, my souls feels free.

So, on this Poetry Day, let's celebrate the art,
Of finding refuge in words, a place to impart,
The deepest emotions, thoughts that we hide,
In the beauty of poetry, we confide.