

# Michael Feld Creative Writing Competition for Young Writers 2020 Terms & Conditions

Updated 23 March 2020 with COVID-19 Updates.

## How to Enter

The competition is now open to children in the age categories below, the competition opens on **Friday 1 September 2019**. Entries can be submitted at any time from then but must now be submitted by **Friday 25 September 2020, 5pm**.

There are two categories for children who live or go to school in Barking and Dagenham and two for those who live elsewhere.

## Entries from Barking and Dagenham:

**The best overall piece of writing from a Young Person living or going to school in Barking and Dagenham will win the Michael Feld Memorial Award.**

### Primary competition For Years 4 to 6 (Age 8 to 11 years)

**First prize Kindle Fire, £50 book token for the winner and a selection of books for your school valued up to £100. With two runners up prizes of £25 book token each.**

Choose one of the three themes: (Poetry, Non-Fiction or Fiction) and write no more than **550** words

### Secondary competition For Years 7 to 9 (Age 11 to 14 years)

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Choose from one of the three themes: (Poetry, Non-Fiction or Fiction) and write no more than **550** words.

## Entries from elsewhere:

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## Judging will be on presentation, concept, thought and originality.

The Judges will be: Nicola Wix, Vashti Thorne and Lena Smith

You can enter no more than 1 entry from each of the following forms of writing:

- 1. Poetry** - Write a poem in any form such as a RAP, Haiku, ballad, sonnet, rhyming couplet or blank verse.
- 2. Non-Fiction** - Write about an international news story that you have learnt about at school, seen on the news, heard about on the radio or read about on the internet.



Tells us what you have learnt about it, write about how it makes you feel and the reasons why you think it was important enough for you to choose to write about it.

**3. Fiction** - Write a story starting with the line: **'I always wanted to be just like my neighbour...'** You must write an exciting new story, please remember to give your story a title! (The word count does not include the starting line.)

### Competition Rules

All Entries should be double lined spaced, typed entries are preferred but not essential but handwriting must be easily read. Your work will not be returned so make sure you keep a copy. All Entries must include:

1. A **title** for your writing
2. Your **name**, your **age** and **date of birth**
3. The **name of your school**
4. Include with your entry your parent/carer's name with a contact number or email address.

(NB: Group entries sent to us on behalf of a school should include, Items 1 to 3 from the above list and also include a contact name and an email or contact number for a member of school staff. This can be on a separate cover sheet with the group of entries.)

By entering you give permission to the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Pen to Print to publish all or part of your story in any format and/or using any media it chooses. You retain the copyright to your work.

### Other Terms and Conditions

Any entry that fails to adhere to the rules and terms and conditions of the competition will not be considered by the judges.

- By entering the competition, the parent, guardian and/ or child's school gives permission for the child's work to be included in the competition and is agreeing to adhere to all the Rules, Terms and Conditions of entering the competition.
- By entering you give permission to the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (LBBD) Pen to Print to publish all or part of your story in any format and/or using any media it chooses.
- No Cash alternative to the prizes on offer are available.
- The Judge's decision is final. No further correspondence will be entered into.
- The LBBD reserves the right to ask for written proof of residency and/or proof of school attended.
- No piece of work entered will be returned. If you would like to keep your work you must keep a copy.
- Microsoft Word entries are preferred. Photographs will not be accepted
- You can enter only 1 poem, 1 story and 1 non-fiction piece of writing, a maximum of three entries per-person, **only 1 entry per form of writing.**

- Once you have submitted an entry you cannot ask to submit a new version of it.
- Your work must be your own original piece of writing and must not be a copy of someone else's work or based on a story/poem already well known.
- It is the entrants Parent, Guardian or the school who submits the entry responsibility to ensure that any contact information given is correct at the time of submission to the competition.
- LBBD Libraries Pen to Print will do our utmost to contact the winners of a prize when the judge's decision is made, in the event that a winner cannot be contacted to receive their prize at the Awards ceremony LBBD Pen to Print reserves the right to choose an alternative winner.
- You will be invited to receive your prize at the Feld and Fairchild Awards Ceremony to be held at a date, time and place to be decided in Barking and Dagenham (normally in July).
- By entering the competition, the parent, guardian and/or the child's school is acknowledging that if successful the child may be photographed and filmed for the promotion of the LBBD Library Service, Pen to Print and the Michael Feld Creative Writing Competition for Young Writers. Should they become a winner of the competition, images and film may be shared on our website, social media channels and YouTube channel for promotional purposes. Images taken will only be used for the purposes stated. If images are to be used, we will seek permission prior to doing so.
- Finalists and/or winners' names and school details will be shared only with organisations such as The Arts Council, England that are directly linked with the Pen to Print project as per GDPR regulations and only for reporting and evaluation purposes.
- Personal information of entrants will not be shared with other organisations.
- Any personal details and or images used for publicly will only be used with written permission of a parent or guardian.
- Entries must be submitted by the advertised closing date and time we reserve to right to extend the closing date and will publicise any changes on our website. **pentoprint.org**
- You can email your entry to **pentoprint@lbbd.gov.uk** with the Subject Line: **Pen to Print: Michael Feld Writing Competition**
- Whilst COVID-19 restrictions are in place please email all entries (Once lifted you can take your entry to your nearest Barking and Dagenham Library in an envelope clearly marked **Pen to Print: Michael Feld Writing Competition**)
- Whilst COVID-19 restrictions are in place please email all entries (Once lifted you can post your entry addressed to: **Pen to Print: Michael Feld Writing Competition, Pen to Print Office, Dagenham Library, 1 Church Elm Lane, Dagenham, RM10 9QS.**)

Please direct any enquires by email to: **pentoprint@lbbd.gov.uk**