

Pound a Poem

In aid of Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity

RULES

1. Pound a Poem is open to all UK children aged between 5 & 11 years old.
2. All poems must be 'fruit & vegetable' themed in 2008.
3. Poems must be written in English and be the original work of the author.
4. Poems must not exceed 250 words (there is no lower word-limit). For publishing purposes Pound a Poem reserve the right to edit any submitted poems.
5. Submission of poems to the Pound a Poem competition will be taken as consent for its publication on either the Pound a Poem website, or in the Pound a Poem Compendium/Book. Poems must not have been previously published.
6. Poems may be submitted either as handwritten or word-processed documents. Children are welcome to submit illustrated poems but these will not be awarded any extra marks during the judging process. We regret that poems will not be returned. Entries that are altered, damaged, defaced, illegible or incomplete may be deemed to be invalid by the promoter.
7. Children are free to enter as many poems as they wish into the school-round competition. Each poem must be supported with a £1 entry fee for Pound a Poem (sent to Rays of Sunshine as per Entry Form). Only one prize will be issued per winner.
8. Schools are responsible for collecting all entry fees from participating pupils on behalf of Pound a Poem.
9. Schools are required to submit their 6 Year Group winners to Pound a Poem (as per Entry Form) to arrive no later than Friday 12th December 2008. (Poems received after this date will be ineligible for competition entry and judging.) No responsibility is accepted for entries lost, delayed or damaged in the post. Proof of posting is not proof of delivery. Poems must be sent with a completed entry form from the Pound a Poem website signed by a teacher, and a cheque covering all entry fees raised from the school-based competition. A receipt for entry fees and donations will be sent within 21 days. Please contact Rays of Sunshine if you do not receive confirmation of your entry fee within this allocated period. Any poems submitted without an entry form and / or corresponding entry fees will be ineligible for entry into the National Competition.
10. Poems will be judged by a bank of UK poets and writers. Judges decisions are final. No member of Pound a Poem, affiliated members, or the judges, will be under any obligation to enter into correspondence regarding the judging process, or offer feedback on poems entered into the competition.
11. Regional winners will be announced by Friday 27th March 2009. Prizes are as listed on the Pound a Poem website. These are non-transferable, non-negotiable and no cash alternatives are available.
12. Specific restrictions apply to some prizes. Full details for prizes will be provided to the winners at the time of notification. No alternative prizes will be available.
13. Promoter: Pound a Poem, Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity
No 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 0NP United Kingdom.

