



The Lord Provost's Poetry Prize

2018



FOREWORD

I'm very happy as Lord Provost to be congratulating P7 pupils who participated in my Poetry Prize competition.

It's such a great way to celebrate and showcase the talent of our young people.

This is my first involvement, as a new Lord Provost, in the judging process. I can assure everyone it was not easy to choose an overall winner and runners up from the excellent entries we received.

It's been an absolute privilege and joy to read all the poems. The exceptional work submitted is a source of huge pride to this city and our young poets deserve our praise.

All the judges agree, we've been on a very personal journey, with our city's talented poets, and we feel hugely honoured to have been able to read all their work.

My congratulations to everyone who took part. My thanks also to the schools who gave their support to all the promising poets who participated.

I know, like me, you'll be hugely impressed by the marvellous work our young people have produced.

Well done everyone and keep on writing.

**The Rt Hon the Lord Provost of Glasgow
Councillor Eva Bolander**

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Jim Carruth, Glasgow Poet Laureate

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And all the poets and their Primary Schools who took part in the competition.



MESSAGE FROM JIM CARRUTH **GLASGOW POET LAUREATE**

One of my highlights of my role as City Poet Laureate has always been my involvement in the annual primary school poetry competition. This year was also my first opportunity to work with the new Lord Provost Eva Bolander which was great. She officially launched the competition in October and made the final decision on the winners just a couple of weeks ago. This year's theme for the competition was "Looking forward Looking back" and that provided plenty of scope for primary 7 pupils to display their creativity and imagination. And they didn't disappoint – poem after poem reflecting both on their own personal journeys to date, and others, and on their hopes for the future. I was blown away by the diversity of entries and would like to thank all who took part.

Once again it was a very difficult task to pick a small handful of winners but eventually we had to make the final decision. Hopefully the poems that follow in this booklet give you a small flavour of the type of creativity that young people across this city are displaying. Both parents and teachers should be very proud.

For all those who took part in the competition - don't let the journey of reading and writing end here - I would love to think that a future Glasgow Laureate took part in this year's Lord Provost's competition. Good luck with all your future adventures in reading and writing.

Jim Carruth
Glasgow Poet Laureate

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When I Think

When I think about the past, I think how long will the world last?

With all the war and screams of pain, I hope it will never happen again.

When I think about the future, I dream that the world will last for years.

With all the peace and tears of joy, with no such thing as fears.

When I think about today I think about how ...

One mistake

One good step

One action

One word

Can change my life and change the future of the world.

So I'll take the challenge and I WILL make a mark in this world.

When? ... Only I know!

By Oliwia Szymkiewicz, Bankhead Primary School

I Wonder

I wonder what I thought it would be like

right now, when I was younger?

Did I think I would be taller, think I would be smarter?

I don't know, but I wonder.

I wonder what I will remember of myself from now

when I am older?

Will I remember my faults, remember my triumphs?

I don't know, but I wonder.

I wonder what my life will be like in the

future?

Will it be easy, will it be hard,

will there be highs, will there be lows?

I don't know, but I wonder.

Life is like a book,

We're getting near the end of the first chapter.

It's nearly time to start the second.

I wonder ...

By Abigail Fraser, Bankhead Primary School

Looking Forward, Looking Back

My past is coloured in and everything is clear to see
Bright colours, dots, zigzags, spirals and everything in between

There are splodges, scribbles and holes in the paper
where all my attempts have been

But there are still so many pages for me to fill in

For now my future is faint, a sketch on a sheet of paper
I've yet to fill it in but I'm going to have to save that for later

As the pages are filled, mistakes are sure to be made

At least I'll have Tippex when my future plans are laid.

By Ines Roan-Reid, Primary 7B, Scotstoun Primary School

From Memories to Goals

Life is a glorious thing.
Lots of amazing things to be done,
Lots of goals to achieve,
I can't wait for it to come.

Looking at my memories,
Looking at my past,
What an amazing life I had,
Though, I've grown up so fast.

What a fantastic past I've had,
With lots of good things that I've done,
But now I'm looking forward,
Future, here I come.

By Fatima Ahmad, Mosspark Primary School

The Difference between my Future and Past

Looking back, I see a baby just home from the hospital,
That baby was born on the 9th day of April,
The parents were very grateful, even though she was a handful,
They hoped that the little girl would grow up to be bright,
Even though she cried and roared like a lion throughout the night.

Looking forward, I see a photographer, travelling the world,
Sharing her art with each place she goes,
She is now not just a girl with curls put in her hair,
Instead, she is a proud mother, tying ribbons in her girl's hair.

This woman is very happy with her present and her past,
She hopes that her children will have a love that lasts,
And wants them to have a good life like hers ...

I hope that they are successful,

In the future ...

By Nicole Sutherland, Glasgow Gaelic School