

## Young Writers' Poetry Competition 2023

Well done to all our students for their entries to the Young Writers' Poetry Competition. The quality of writing was very high. Students have received a certificate and some of the poems will be published by Young Writers'!

Lexi Macbride  
Zac Mc Carthy  
Awe Morayo  
Freya Purcell  
Lilly Bland  
Lewis Carle  
Bella Strudwick  
Ella Ballard  
Georgia Honour  
Harry Jenkinson  
Harriso McNally  
Liliana Maciejewska  
Ishaq Qairs  
Lucy Calder  
Ani Mema  
Ammara Bhatti  
Roxy Bassett  
Ria Solan

Ambika Nahae  
Avaani Chana  
Anna Constable  
Alfie Kavill  
Naran Thiara  
Hannah Kerby  
Alfie Kruk  
Maddison Kennedy  
Alfie Huntley  
Natalia Czapia  
Elisa Beaini  
Joe Lynch  
Daisy Cook  
Freddie Chambers  
Emme Powell  
Izzy Crisp  
Ralphie Taylor  
Rebecca Gabb

Olivia White  
Keira Bwoers  
Nina Ismail  
Maria Paja  
Ana Silva  
Summer Dudman  
Prajna Budhathoki  
Shaan Hayer  
Tommy Smith  
Daisy Stone  
Stephanas Passley  
Jaskeerat Notae  
Maryam Iqbal  
Amber Manning  
Ella – Louise Worrell  
Rio Mema  
Oscar Suarez  
Morgan Grimshaw  
Harry Evans

### Foster Families

Foster families are special and strong,  
Giving love and support all day long.  
They open their hearts and homes with care,  
Welcoming children who need them there.

Through all the challenges and the joy,  
Foster families offer a safe, secure employ.  
They help kids grow and learn and thrive,  
Creating memories that will last a life time.

So here's to all the foster families out there,  
For all the love and dedication they share  
You make a difference in so many ways,  
And we are grateful for you every day.

### Climate Change

Summers are getting hotter,  
And we're faced with spells of drought  
Our climate is now changing and I say that without a  
Doubt.  
Forests are catching fire and burning,  
A threat to local wildfire there,  
Leaving a scorched and bare land,  
We think about further generations futures,  
And wonder what can we change and what can be done,  
This is the planet we live on and it's the safest place  
To live.  
And it's our only one.  
Our future children may grow old  
But at the rate climate change is going they will never  
Be cold.  
Now is the only time to clean up the mess  
And it is a big problem we really need to address  
Because our planet is calling to us in distress  
And if we don't do something our planet will be  
Scorched. The way climate change is going all be torched.

## Words

The words are like knives,  
The stress is like rocks,  
The words are too strong,  
They knock me down.

I cry for hours,  
And make a river  
Float like driftwood  
Then start to drown.

The words are too strong,  
They push me down,  
By the end of the day my  
Heart feels so down.

The circle me like eagles,  
As if I'm their prey,  
Then throw me down,  
And pin me to the ground.

I tell them to stop!  
Stop! Stop! Stop!  
But there's no escaping now they've gobbled me up.

I feel like a mouse,  
Shy and scared.  
They're a brave lion,  
Big and strong.

They pass a note, giggle  
and laugh,  
Look at me and laugh some more.

When the bell goes I  
Race for the door,  
But they're already  
There and blocked the door.

Now I'm trapped, tired and scared,  
I feel like I could crumble,  
And never return.

I sometimes wonder if  
It will ever stop,  
My ears are sore,  
I can't take anymore!  
When I get home I feel safe and secure  
But then I hear the voices,  
Of my parents arguing.

A slam of a door,  
A cry from my mum  
It's the end of the day,  
And I just want to run!

The words are like knives,  
The stress is like rocks,  
The words are too strong,  
They push me down!