

Telling Tales Story-Writing Competition 2020 - Terms & Conditions

This competition is organised by Pavilions Teignmouth CIO.

Entry to this competition is open to children and young people who will be aged between 5 and 16 years on the 31st July 2020, who are full time residents within Devon.

Entries must be submitted by an adult (parent or carer) on behalf of the child or young person. This adult may be asked to provide proof of age, identity and eligibility. Entry will be in three age categories: 5 to 8 years (on 31st July 2020), 9 to 12 years (on 31st July 2020), and 13 to 16 years (on 31st July 2020).

The parent or carer submitting the story on behalf of the entrant, will need to provide the entrant's name, town or village, and their age, along with a contact email and telephone number for the parent/carer.

Prizes will be awarded to one winner in each age category – so a winner in the 5 to 8 age group, one winner in the 8 to 12 age group, and one winner in the 13 to 16 age group.

Entrants must write an original fictional short story in English (no more than 500 words in length for the age categories 5 to 8, or 9 to 12, and no more than 1,000 words in length for the age category 13 to 16).

Entry can be either attached to an email, in the form of a single typed document, or a single scanned document, to boxoffice@pavilionsteignmouth.org.uk or can be printed or hand-written, and sent to Pavilions Teignmouth, Den Crescent, Teignmouth TQ14 8BG, to arrive no later than 11:59pm on 14th August 2020.

The preferred format for email entries is pdf or Word. Pavilions reserves the right not to consider entries submitted in other formats.

Pavilions Teignmouth is not responsible for technical issues with submitted formats, resulting in the entry not being considered.

The preferred format for posted entries is on A4-sized paper. Pavilions reserves the right not to consider entries submitted on other paper-sizes, or received in poor condition.

Pavilions reserves the right not to consider entries where the content is not fully legible, either through poor-print quality, font-size, or hand-writing legibility.

The responsible adult submitting the story on behalf of the entrant, will be asked to provide the entrant's name, gender, region and their age and ensure that they have parental permission to do so. The submitter must enter the child's story in the text box provided for submission.

We can only accept stories that meet the word count for the age category (under 500 words for ages 5 to 8, 9 to 12, and under 1,000 words for ages 13 to 16). Stories over the word count for the age category will not be considered.

Entries received by email or post after the competition deadline of 11:59pm on 14th August 2020, will not be considered.

Only one entry per person.

The story must be an original piece of fiction written by the entrant.

Entries must not contain defamatory, obscene, or offensive language.

By entering the competition, the parent/carer gives Pavilions Teignmouth permission to publish, the entry online on the Pavilions Teignmouth website and social media platforms, and on display in the Pavilions Teignmouth building. Permission is also granted for the entry to be read out to an audience at Pavilions Teignmouth, and for this performance to be recorded and screened or broadcast on the Pavilions Teignmouth website or social media, or within the Pavilions Teignmouth building.

Please note that entries cannot be returned, so please ensure that you have made a copy to keep.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

Originality

Imagination

Plot

Characterisation

Language (Accuracy, Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar)

Enjoyment

Entries will be judged by the guest judges, with administrative support from Pavilions Teignmouth, during August and September 2020. The judges will all follow identical scoring criteria for that age category, and the judges' decisions will be final.

The parent/carer of the winning entry in each age category, will be contacted by the end of September 2020.

Entrants can check the results of the competition on the Pavilions Teignmouth website, between the dates of 30th September and 31st October 2020.

Pavilions Teignmouth reserves the right to disqualify any entry which breaches any of these terms and conditions.

Pavilions Teignmouth reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions, extend the deadline for entries, or cancel this competition at any stage, if deemed necessary or if circumstances arise outside of the organisation's control.