



YOUNG WRITER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2022

S.O.S. Save Our Santa



Calling all young writers!



We are asking you to Save Our Santa from boredom while he waits to deliver your presents on Christmas Eve and also to celebrate your writing skills. We are asking you to write, in this competition, a short story on any subject to keep him entertained during the dark nights of Winterland.

It will also give you the chance to see your name in print and win a great prize as well. The Friends of Victoria Park is launching a competition to write a story on any subject in no more than 1,000 words. The competition is open to young writers and in two age groups: 5 to 11 and 12 and 16.



The winner in each section will receive a first prize of a £25 book token, a copy of a poetry book written by Sue Gerrard, the Writer and Poet in Residence at Victoria Park and publication on the FOVP website.

The second placed in each section will receive a £15 book token and the third placed entrants in each category will receive a £10 book token.

The winners will be presented with their prizes at a special presentation at St. Mark's Lodge, Victoria Park.

RULES OF ENTRY:

Each entry should be no more than 1,000 words. Only one entrant per person. The entrant should live or attend school within the Borough of St. Helens. Handwritten entries are acceptable but must be legible. Each entrant should have the permission of their parent/guardian to enter. Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash or other gifts.

Copyright remains with the author although the FOVP reserve the right to use the winning stories in competition publicity. No correspondence will be entered into. The judges' decision is final. Entrants' names or contact details must not be written on the entry but on the official entry form. Relatives of the FOVP are not eligible to enter.

Entries cannot be returned so PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR ONLY COPY.

All entries must be received by Friday 28th October 2022.

SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO: suegerrardevents@btinternet.com

ENTRY FORM

ENTRANT'S
NAME.....AGE.....

ADDRESS.....
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TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

EMAIL.....

SCHOOL.....
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SHORT STORY TITLE.....

I CERTIFY THIS IS MY SON/DAUGHTER'S OWN, ORIGINAL, UNPUBLISHED
WORK
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I CAN ATTEND THE PRIZE-WINNING CEREMONY(DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)

NUMBER ATTENDING
ADULTS.....CHILDREN.....

COMPETITION CLOSING DATE: **Friday 28th October,2022**