

Dear parent/carer

New Beginnings: Leukaemia Cancer Society's short story competition returns for 2021

Our annual Short Story Competition 2021 is open for entries. We are changing the way the competition works this year and opening it up to schools and individual entries from across the country. We hope that it will be a useful exercise for home-schooling parents.

Children are invited to enter their short stories and compete for the opportunity to have their work published. There will be a winner from each of the three age categories. The winning entries and all shortlisted stories will be published in the book. The competition is open to any young writer aged between 7 & 15 years old and will be judged by well-known authors.

This year's theme is 'The Day Everything Changed'. Work submitted can be fact or fiction. Entrants can write about anyone or anything and they can let their imaginations run wild by inventing their story. Deadline for entries is 30th April 2021.

We will have an event to announce the winners and celebrate everyone's success. At this stage we do not know if this will be a live event, online or a blend of live and online contributions.

All entrants will have the opportunity to purchase the books. The prize-winners will receive a small prize with their complimentary copy of the book.

To find out more please visit <https://www.leukaemiacancersociety.org/childrens-short-story-competition>. To enter the competition please visit <https://forms.gle/aC2V5EqyUrrvvg7h6>.

Best wishes from the LCS team