



# SINCLAIR PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

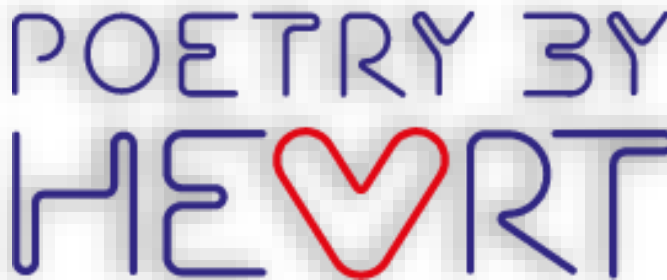
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Dear Parents

## Poetry By Heart Competition – KS2



In the Spring Term, our pupils will be taking part in a national competition - "Poetry By Heart!"

In the third week of the term (w/c 15<sup>th</sup> January) each class in Key Stage 2 will select a poem from pre-1914 and post-1914 to learn by heart. They will have opportunity to learn and practise this poem in class, but we would appreciate your support and help with learning the chosen poems at home too!

At the end of the week, pupils will perform their poems to each other, and up to eight children from each year group will be selected to record their poems individually for entry into the competition. These pupils will be filmed and their video entry securely sent online to be shared with the judging panel at Poetry By Heart. We will also display their entry on the website.

Each class will also record their poem as a group, all together, for the 'freestyle' category.

**If you DO NOT consent to your child being filmed for the competition – please let the school office know prior to 15<sup>th</sup> January. Those without external photograph permission will also be opted out by default – please let the office know if you wish to update your preferences for this event. Children will still need to learn their poem for the class performance at the end of term, as part of our oracy work and poetry work as per the National Curriculum.**

Each class will perform their poem to parents in class at the end of the day on:

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** in 10minute intervals.

Year 1 14:30

Year 2 14:40

Year 3 14:50

Year 4 15:00

Year 5 15:10

Year 6 15:20

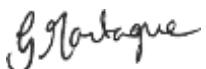
Parents will be permitted to use the hall as a waiting space and will be collected from the hall several minutes prior to their children's performance and should return there afterwards to either await invitation to another class poem or to enjoy the refreshments and meet and greet with Mrs Olney prior to collecting their children from the usual location at the normal end of school time.

There will be an element of practising at home required, alongside rehearsing in school. Finalists in the competition will have the opportunity to perform at the Globe Theatre in London – last year, one of our partnership school pupils was awarded "Best in County!" Can we go one further this year and reach the final?

You can find out more about the competition here: <https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/>

We hope that your child will enjoy this opportunity.

Thank you for your support,



Gerida Montague

Executive Headteacher

