

Northumbear's Writing Competition 2022



Welcome to our writing competition for Northumberland Day 2022. This year, Northumberland Day takes place on the 29th of May and offers various things with which schools can get involved - our Northumbie Awards, Scarecrow Competition, the Northumberland Day Food Bank Challenge incorporating FB Cup and this writing contest!

In the writing contest, we want to encourage young minds to explore their thoughts and imaginations and to write stories, letters or poems for our lovely little mascot, Northumbear, to read to his friends NElephant and Heartley and his cheeky little brother, Oswaldain!

We have three prizes to give away in three age categories: Under 6, 6-8 and 9-11.

Each winner will win:

- A trophy
- A £25 book token

Runners-up trophies may also be offered, if we feel the entries warrant it and certificates of merit may also be awarded.



To enter:

We would like letters to be handwritten and created without too much adult help (ideally none in the older age groups).

Children in the under-6 age group can either:

Write a letter to Northumbear (70-120 words) about either - their favourite beach **OR** castle in Northumberland **OR** their favourite red and yellow things and why they love them.

Children in the 6-8 years age group can either:

Write a letter to Northumbear as above **OR** a Haiku on the topic of Northumberland **OR** a story of 300-800 words on the topic of 'The Day the Stottie Cake Came to Life'.

Children in the 9-11 age group can either:

Write a poem about Northumberland **OR** a story of 600-900 words on the topic of 'The Day the Stottie Cake Came to Life' **OR** a tourism-style article (600-900 words) about a town or place in Northumberland, explaining its attractions, things to do and best things to see (and anything else that's appropriate).



Rules

Entries will open on April 26th and the closing date is June 5, 2022.

Please include on every entry:

- Child's name
- Age
- Address
- Parent or guardian's email address (or teacher)
- Telephone number for adult submitting entry
- School (if entering via a school)

This contest was hugely popular last year, so let's see the entries pouring in this year! Northumbear cannot wait to read them!

Entries should be posted to:

Northumbear's Writing Contest 2022
The Keep
30 Castle Avenue
Poulton-le-Fylde
Lancashire
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