

INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPETITION



Prize:

We have three categories KS1, KS2, KS3, each child will receive a £50 book token as a prize. The prize can be presented at a class assembly by a representative from Active Cumbria with our Cumbria School Games Mascot 'Spirit'. Spirit was designed by a child in our earlier competition this year. Presentations will be made in the week after Cumbria School Games which takes place on the 12th July.

An overall winner will be chosen and they will be invited to the opening ceremony of the Games. Radio DJ, Mike Zellar from BBC Radio Cumbria will be the host for the event. The winner will get to meet Mike and Sporting Champion Jenna Downing who is an Action Sports World Champion, 10 x British Champion and a X-Games silver medalist and if they so wish, they can join the 'fun bus' with Mr Stretch, Mr Armstrong and other sporting guests to visit the various events happening around Carlisle as part of Cumbria School Games.

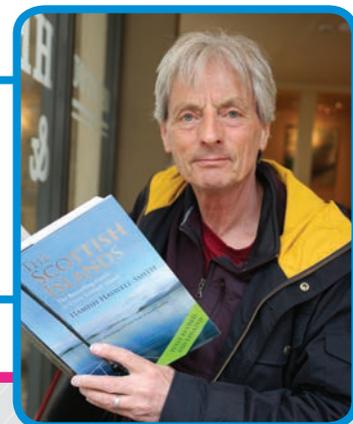
The main prize for the overall winner is a workshop for their whole class kindly donated by Childrens Poet John Rice. Home educated pupils should nominate their local library as the prize recipient.

Poet John Rice resides in Sedbergh, Cumbria. He has published seven collections of poetry for children including 'Bears Don't Like Bananas' and 'Dreaming of Dinosaurs', both illustrated by Charles Fuge. He edited 'Scottish Poems' for schools north of the border which sold equally as well south of the border! He is a regular Writer-in-Schools author having visited over 2,000 schools. His poems have been published in over 300 contemporary anthologies and feature in secondary school examination papers in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.



Judging

The competition will be judged on the **28th June** by representatives from Active Cumbria, Cumbria Libraries, the Wordsworth Trust and Childrens Poet John Rice.



The Rules

Each child is invited to write a poem on any of the six School Games Values:
Determination, Passion, Respect, Honesty, Self Belief and Teamwork



The subject of their poems could be whatever moves them to write. We are asking them to capture in words what any of the values means to them.

1. Entries may be handwritten (which must be legible) or typed.
2. This competition is open to children with disabilities, if a child needs assistance from a teacher due to their learning difficulties, please support accordingly
3. Poems should be based on any of the six Spirit of the game, these are the School Games Values of: Determination, Passion, Respect, Honesty, Self Belief and Teamwork
4. All poems must be original, the entrant's own work, and must not have been published, self-published, published on a website or broadcast (except in an individual school magazine).
5. All entries must be attached to the completed entry form.
6. Poems shouldn't be longer than 28 lines including the title, or they can be as short as you like.
7. Entries are open to Cumbria residents only.
8. Entrants must ensure that they keep a copy of their poem as poems cannot be returned.
9. The copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of the winning poems, by entering the competition grant the organisers of the Cumbria School Games the right to publish and/or broadcast and/or use in promotional displays their poem.
10. Poems must be received by **26th June**.
11. The judges' decisions are final.

We would ask class teachers to try and avoid sending us sets of poems where every child has used the same writing frame and just changed a few words, as they are almost impossible to judge fairly.

We are sorry we are unable to offer feedback on individual poems or enter into any correspondence regarding judging and selection.

How to Enter

1. Fill in the application form. (Feel free to photocopy)
2. Write your poem in the box on the application form or attach it securely to the application form.
3. You are welcome to decorate your entry.
4. Entries can be handed in to your local library, posted to: **Active Cumbria, Cumbria County Council, Cumbria House, 107-117 Botchergate, Carlisle, CA1 1RD** or emailed to joanna.coleman@cumbria.gov.uk