



POETRY COMPETITION RESULTS



The Warm and the Cold

November time has come and gone,
 And December time is here,
 Where different things are hot and cold,
 And Christmas will bring cheer.

Freezing snow is closing in,
 Waiting for the sun,
 Like a rabbit waiting for spring,
 So it can go and play outside,
 Having lots of fun.

The flimsy, floppy, blazing fires,
 Fighting at the coal,
 Like a young son,
 Fighting through the heavily wrapped
 presents,
 On Christmas Day.

The pretty presents dancing under the
 tree,
 All wrapped in bows,
 Like tap-dancers dancing all through the
 house,
 On their tiptoes.

The slippery, slidey ice that keeps
 sniggering at me,
 When it makes me fall over,
 Like a person in a play,
 Just playing their parts.

Now it is Christmas Eve,
 Let's all sleep tight,
 Like snowmen standing very, very still.

by Stephanie Mead, age 10

What a fantastic response! Tens and tens of quite brilliant poems, especially from the younger members of our community. Unfortunately not everyone's age was included which has meant that the prizes can't be easily placed in age categories. However, because all the younger entrants go to school in the village, the sponsors have decided to give an additional book token to the WHOLE school for ALL pupils to enjoy.

OK..... the unanimous winner of the adult section was a beautiful, wistful, questioning poem by DAVE MORGAN called 'A Child'.

Given the quality of all the poems in the younger age groups, the judges found it difficult to choose between five exceptional entries, so decided to award book tokens to each. In no particular order these are James Edkins and Nathan Aldridge both aged 5, Aimee Eaves

A Child

*Who am I
 Who sits and dreams,
 While others do their task.
 Why am I inquisitive,
 While others never ask.
 Will I ever rule the world
 Or even see it end,
 Will I have a happy life
 And always have a friend.
 Or will my life
 Last for a year,
 Or even just this day,
 As quickly as God gave me breath,
 Will it go away.
 While others fight to have their say
 Will I be always mild.
 Who am I
 To ask these things.
 Me?
 I'm just a child.*

by Dave Morgan

(age 11), Tom Potterton (age 10) and Stephanie Mead (age 10). WELL DONE!

Special mention must also be made of Josh Edkins, Olivia and Lydia Barnden, Mawgan Smith, Jessica Powell and Ben Andrews. Keep up the good work and why not start your short story entries NOW for March 6th closing date?

Just a reminder about the Short Story Competition. Three age categories will apply: Under 11, 11-16 and 16 and above. The only restriction is no more than 1500 words but your story can be about any subject whatsoever. Entries should be dropped in to *Trio* at Secrets or posted to Calenia, 3 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac, Cornwall PL29 3RN. Book tokens will be awarded to the winners and the winning entries will be printed in the Easter issue of *Trio*.

Shark

*S*hark swimming in the dark sea,
*H*iding in the rocks.
A big great white hunting the fishes,
*R*umbling in the sea,
*K*illing all in his way!
by James Edkins, age 5



Winter



The ice sniggering when I slip over
 Snow drowning flowers like a murderer
 Warm coats cuddling you like your mother
 Strong winds pushing me over like a big bully
 Hot drinks soothing your thoughts like your
 trusting teddy bear
 Hail stones falling over like a drunken old
 man.

by Aimee Eaves, age 11

Winter Poem

The thick snow, diving in waves onto
 the roads before being chased by
 ploughs,
 The ice covering your windscreens
 screeching, squealing and shouting
 when being removed
 The thunder shouting, the lightning
 flashing and the sky firing rain out of
 water guns,
 The New Year is sending letters to
 inform us of its arrival,
 Christmas is now departing
 The fireworks fly
 The New Year has arrived.

by Tom Potterton, age 10

Snake

*S*liding through the
 greenery,
*N*ever prey to other
 animals,
*A*lways rattling his tail,
*K*illing his prey swiftly,
*E*ating in one huge gulp.

by Nathan Aldridge, age 5

**FINAL DATE FOR ENTRIES TO THE SHORT STORY COMPETITION
 MARCH 6th 2002**