



OUR 2018 VALUES STORIES COMPETITION

Young children's inspiring values literacy

This is our third annual Stories on Values competition for children aged from 7 to 11, to mark [World Values Day](#) in October. The overall quality of the entries was again outstanding. We received so many powerful and imaginative stories from America, Africa, India and the UK that once again our panel of judges found it incredibly difficult to decide upon the winners.

In the end, although the largest number of entries by far came from schools in the UK, it was stories from children at a number of schools in India that really stole the limelight this year.

Two stories in particular stood out. In his touching tale of **"The Kind Boy Krish"**, 8-year-old **Sherwin from Samsidh Mount Litera Zee School, Electronic City** in Bangalore, tells the story of a little boy who goes off to school with his favourite food in his hand but during the day gradually gives it all away to those he feels need it more than he does.

"The Power of Silence" by **Laya** from **New Horizon Public School** (also in Bangalore) is a vivid and uplifting account of how a young girl overcomes her paralysing fear about speaking in public.



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Both Sherwin's and Laya's stories were so good that our distinguished judges found it too hard to choose between them. Instead of using his casting vote, the Chair of the judges Sir Al Aynsley-Green eventually decided to recognise the excellent standard of both entries by awarding them joint first prizes.

We would like to congratulate ALL the children who took part in the competition for their amazing submissions – both the stories and the pictures. The outstanding quality of thinking and the ability to convey such profound thoughts is testament to the life-enriching values education work that is taking place in the children's schools and being further enhanced at home with the support of their parents, carers and others.

This year's winners

Here are the prize winners. Their schools can feel very proud of the book tokens that they will receive for their libraries, worth £100 for each winner, £50 for the runner up and £25 for each of the highly recommended entries.

Place	Story	Author	Age	School	Country
1 st =	The Kind Boy Krish	Sherwin	8	Samsidh Mount Litera Zee School – Electronic City	India
1 st =	The Power of Silence	Laya	10	NIVE – New Horizon Public School	India
3rd	Silent Response	Aarav	8	NIVE – New Horizon Public School	India
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:					
	Blind But Beautiful	Riya	11	NIVE – New Horizon Public School	India
	Honesty is the Best Policy	Safa	11	Elmwood Junior School, Surrey	UK
	I Popped It!	Ishita	7	Lydiksen Elementary School, California	USA
	The Journey Home	Jessica	8	St Paul's C of E Primary School, London	UK
	The Unforgettable Evening	Mayurika	9	NIVE – New Horizon Public School	India
	The Wrong Side	Savvas	9	Capel Manor Primary School, Enfield	UK

Our Judges

We are most grateful to our 3 highly esteemed, inspirational judges, all of whom want children to truly flourish and have the very best start in life and know just how empowering carefully chosen values can be and how such values have enabled them to lead innovative, successful and fulfilling lives: [Sir Albert Aynsley-Green](#), [Dr Jill Berry](#) and [Sonia Gill](#).



*Professor
Sir Al Aynsley-Green*



Dr Jill Berry



Sonia Gill

Stories on Values Booklet

We will be compiling a PDF booklet with the top nine entries along with many of the other superb pieces of work sent in. Early in 2019 it will be available to download, free of charge, from our website. Every child whose work we publish will receive a congratulatory certificate.