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Dear Parents and Carers,

Now in its sixth year, the Ilminster Literary Festival will once again be holding a poetry recital competition for young people from local schools. As in previous years, the competition will be held at Greenfylde First School in Ilminster, and will be open to young people aged 4 to 18.

The competition will be held in three age categories – Year 2 and younger; Years 3 to 6; and Year 7 and above. As a school, Manor Court will be entering pupils into the first two categories.

The format for the competition will involve the selected poems for each age group (see attached) being given to pupils who are interested in participating and each entrant will choose one of the poems from this age category to learn off by heart. As part of our school promotion on Oracy, all children will take part in reading the poems aloud in class, but this may be as a group or as a class choral reading. If your child would like to enter the competition, they should practise reading one of the selected poems over the Easter holidays, to perform when they return. They should consider how their tone, pace, volume, and actions could support their recital.

We will be holding our own internal rounds before selecting a child from each key stage to go through to the final at Greenfylde First School. The first round will be to select a winner from each class in the first week back after Easter. The second round will be to perform in front of Mr Talmage and a member of the Governors on Tuesday 3rd May. The winners from this will then go forward to the final, to be held at Greenfylde on the evening of Wednesday 18th May at 6pm.

The final will be performed before a panel of judges, nominated by the Festival organisers, and family of the finalists will be warmly welcomed along with staff from the participating schools. Upon entering this competition in the past, we have been placed in the top three. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop confidence and performance skills.

If you have any questions regarding this competition, or any other aspect of your child's education, please speak to me or email your child's year group email address or contact via Eylog.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Terry
English Lead

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