

News In My Neighbourhood Challenge Rules

Foundation – Year 6 (Primary)

There are four Challenges designed for students in Foundation – Year 6 (Primary). This document provides details of the rules that students must follow when creating their entries for the Challenges.

The Challenges

The four Challenges for Primary students are:

Term 1 Challenge

- *What's something fun that you've done lately? Tell us about your favourite events or activities by doing a drawing or artwork or by writing 20 – 100 words.*

Term 2 Challenge

- *Tell us about someone who is important in your life. You can create a drawing or artwork or submit a maximum 100-words.*

Term 3 Challenge

- *Do you have any hobbies? Are there topics or activities that you enjoy? You can create a drawing or artwork, submit a maximum 100-words, or take two photographs to show us what your favourite things to do are.*

Term 4 Challenge

- *Tells us about the best thing that you learned this year. It could be at school with your teacher and classmates, or it could be something you learned at home with your family and friends. You can send us a drawing or artwork, write up to 100 words, or take two photographs.*

The Rules

For each Challenge, Primary students can create a written entry (20 – 100 words) or a drawing/artwork. For the Term 3 and Term 4 Challenges, Primary students can also choose to take two photographs.

- For written entries, students can choose to take any approach (imaginative, informative, or persuasive) and should be supported to use the correct vocabulary, grammar, punctuation, structure and language features for that approach as much as possible
- Students must write in English but could include words or terms in languages other than English so long as an English translation is provided as well

- Written entries must be submitted in a .doc, .docx., or .pdf file format
- Students can take any approach they like in their drawings or artworks (such as collage, painting, colouring, illustration, digital art)
- Students' work should be their own – no copyright material (including graphics, text or icons)
- Students should also avoid including brands, logos or other commercial content in their drawings or artworks
- For drawings and artworks, teachers should take a photograph or scan and upload this to the submission portal in a .pdf, .jpg, .jpeg, or .png file format.
- For photograph entries, students must be supported to get permission/consent from any individuals that are featured or identifiable
- The photographs must be submitted in a .jpeg, .jpg, or .png file format. The photographs should be named Photo 1 and Photo 2.
- Photographs should be high quality (ideally 16x9 (1920x1080) up to 300dpi)
- Students should also include a short descriptive caption (no more than 20 words) for each photograph. The caption should provide further detail and meaning about what is shown
- The captions (numbered Caption 1 and Caption 2) must be written in English and uploaded alongside the photograph in a separate document. The document must be submitted in a .doc, .docx., or .pdf file format
- Primary students **cannot** work with a partner or in groups. Only one entry per student.

Other General Entry Rules

- Students must be in Foundation to Year 6 to participate in the Primary Challenges
- Students' work must be fundamentally their own and must be original (cannot have been published, submitted, or reproduced elsewhere). Students cannot submit work that has been generated by artificial intelligence, plagiarised, or produced by someone else. Within reason, students in Primary may receive assistance from teachers/educators in crafting their responses (such as in interpreting the Challenge prompts), however, the students' work must largely be their own and in their own voice
- Students must follow safe media practices when creating their entries. Students must avoid including personal or identifying details (such as addresses or full names) for themselves or others, and consent/permission must be sought from any individuals featured in students' work (such as friends or family members captured in photographs or interviewed as an expert source for a documentary or radio news story)
- Students' entries must only include material created by them, or material they have permission to use including, but not limited to, any use of footage,



drawings, artworks, illustrations, photos, essays, articles, and scripts. For more information, please see the competition Terms and Conditions.

- Students' entries must be submitted by a teacher, and parents or guardians must have given their permission/consent to enter. Please see the Terms and Conditions for further information
- Student entries for all four challenges must adhere to the specified file types. Entries submitted in other file types may not be able to be viewed/accessed and will therefore not be considered for the competition. Specified file types include:
 - For written entries: .docx, .doc, .pdf
 - For image/photographic entries: .jpeg, .jpg, .png, .pdf

It is recommended that students' entries be carefully reviewed by the submitting teacher prior to submission.