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We are excited to be writing to you to invite all children in primary schools across North West Leicestershire to enter our Summer Poetry Competition, by creating a piece of poetry on the theme of "HOPE".

We have some very exciting prizes for the winner and runners up, with poems being judged by a panel of professionals including Gregory Heath (novelist), Victoria Barber (former judge of the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway book awards), Jess Green (performance poet and BBC Slam Champ), Ben Norris (poet, playwright, actor and BBC Slam Champ) and Susan Browne (author).

Our first prize is an Amazon Fire HD 8 Kids Edition, which has a variety of educational tools and apps, perfect for working on sites such as mathletics. Our second prize is a family membership to Conkers and our third prize is a family ticket to the National Space Centre. All shortlisted poems will also be displayed by North West Leicestershire Libraries as a special exhibition in October, to coincide with National Poetry Day. The winner will also have their poem framed and on display at our day centre, Hope House, Griffydam.

Hospice Hope is a charity based in North West Leicestershire supporting anyone living with a life limiting condition. We provide day respite care at Hope House twice a week, and also provide support to people living with life limiting conditions and their carers at our weekly drop-in Support Cafés in Ashby, Coalville, Castle Donington and Ibstock.

We are thrilled to be running this competition and we would be very happy to come and visit your school and talk to you all about the competition and our charity.

The competition opens on July 1st and will close on September 2nd, full terms and conditions can be found on our website. The winner will be announced towards the end of September. Entries will need the child's name, as well as school details including year group. We encourage entries to be emailed to us at poetrycomp@hospicehope.org.uk but they can also be posted to the following address: Hospice Hope, 23 Ashby Road, Ravenstone, Leicestershire LE67 2AA.

We look forward to reading some wonderful poetry!

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