



Bracknell Town Council

Town Clerk Jackie Burgess

17 July 2018

Dear Headteachers and teachers

2018 BRACKNELL TOWN CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION: 'THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SACRIFICES'

Working with The Royal British Legion, Bracknell Town Council are delighted to be able to invite you to participate in a Creative Writing Competition to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1. Although Bracknell Town Council is leading this project, The Royal British Legion are supporting it and have helped advise and plan the event.

To mark the end of the centenary of the First World War, we'd like to invite young people aged between 9-18 years old to be a part of this historic moment by creating an expression of poetry that says 'Thank You' to the generation that served, sacrificed and changed our world.

Every child who takes part in the competition will receive a personalised Certificate of Commendation, to thank them for playing their part in commemorating the centenary of the First World War. At the end of the project a book containing the poems will be made, if enough interest is generated then it could be published which would be a lasting legacy of remembrance. The poems need to be submitted to Bracknell Town Council by **1st October**.

Competition Judges

The panel of judges will consist of an independent group of people deemed by the Council to be suitably qualified to judge a wide range of poetry and the Bracknell Town Mayor.

Competition Rules:

The Working Group would like to ask all schools entering the competition to adhere to the following rules:

1. All pieces of poetry submitted to the competition should have been created and completed entirely in school, under the supervision of a member of staff. Headteachers will be asked to confirm that this practice has taken place in their school.
2. Name and age of the pupil and School to be on every entry.
3. Group entrants to have all names and ages of pupils and School.
4. Categories: 9-11 years (KS2 years 5 and 6, 11-14 years(KS3 years 7,8 and 9), 14 -16 years(KS4 years 10 and 11) and 16 – 18 years.
5. Entries can be individual or group admissions in each category.
6. Entries can be computer generated, typed or handwritten. They can be submitted by post or email.
7. Poems can be **any style** using a range of linguistic features used to create meaning in poetry, including simile, metaphor, alliteration, rhyme, personification, repetition, non-rhyming or rhyming.

Competition Prizes



Brooke House, High Street, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1LL

Tel: 01344 420079
Fax: 01344 424015

E-mail: enquiries@bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk
Web: www.bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk

VAT No. 200 4162 35

All participants will be awarded a certificate. There will be prizes for the winners of each category. Winners to be announced at the World War 1 Celebration to be held at North Lake Field (opposite South Hill Park) on November 11th. It is hoped that some of the poems will be recorded and played to the audience gathered for the event. The event runs from 2pm to 8pm, culminating in a firework display. The presentation of prizes to winners will be in the afternoon but the exact time will be confirmed later.

There are examples of letters and poems written about the war available online from The Royal British Legion.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary/>

Gaynor Dingley, the Community Fundraiser lead for East Berkshire, is helping and advising us and is available with Councillor Gill Birch to do a presentation about World War 1 to the school or groups of children.

To raise more funds and awareness of WW1 I wonder if you would have a **mufti day on Friday 10th November** to raise money for the poppy appeal. The event on North Field Lake on November 11th is also raising funds for the poppy appeal. It starts with a football match to recreate the iconic match when the war stopped to celebrate Christmas, has making poppies for fallen soldiers and putting them round the field, military vehicles, marching band, lighting a beacon and fireworks.

This is a fabulous opportunity for Bracknell Town Council and the Royal British Legion to work in partnership with you.

Please could you join us in saying 'Thank You' to the 131 people who gave their lives for us here in Bracknell. In such a small village then, it was 15% of the population.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Ingham

Bracknell Town Mayor

Background information: Reasons to say Thank You

100 years ago the war ended, and a new world began. The generation who gave so much during the war fought for more than just victory. They fought for a better world and in turn shaped how we live today.

On the battlefield volunteers from across the Commonwealth served alongside each other. British Forces included Hindus, Sikhs, and Muslims whose descendants play a central role in our culture today. Back in Britain women played a huge role working in factories and making munitions, paving the way for women gaining the right to vote in 1918.

During the war there were major advances in medicine, manufacturing, and innovation. Pioneering doctors and nurses vastly increased our understanding and use of x-rays, blood transfusions, and reconstructive surgery. And manufacturers developed products that are commonplace today, such as tissues.

The war also influenced poets, painters, composers and writers - Lord of the Rings author JRR Tolkien served as a soldier during the Battle of the Somme.

School name:

Name and email of main contact for competition

Name:	Email:
-------	--------

We would like to enter the following individual competition categories (please tick)

KS2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KS3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KS4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KS5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

We would like to enter the following Group Competition categories (please tick)

KS2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KS3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KS4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KS5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I agree to all the above. I have read the competition rules and will ensure that all artwork submitted will be created and completed by pupils in school, under the supervision of a member of staff.

Headteacher (signature to confirm details given above)	
--	--

Please return to:

Jackie Burgess

Town Clerk

Bracknell Town Council

T: 01344 420079

E: jackie.burgess@bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk

W: www.bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk

TO BE RETURNED BY: 1st October 2018

