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Dear Parents/carers

I am writing to introduce you to our Poetry by Heart school competition. All children have been invited to learn and perform a short poem from our anthology or a poem of their choice. These shall initially be performed to their house teams on **Wednesday 13th March**, after which a vote will decide a performer from Reception, Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6) from each house.

The live finals will take place in the hall on **Thursday 21st March**, which is World Poetry Day. This is an invaluable experience for children to learn a poem for life, teaching them to enjoy, share, participate and express themselves through language.

When preparing a performance, we have encouraged the children to consider three important factors: voice, performance and accuracy.

Voice – is their voice loud and clear? Can we hear and understand every word? Are they changing the tone of their voice as appropriate to the poem?

Performance – can they bring the poem to life with movement and actions?

Accuracy – do they really know the poem inside out, can they recite every word confidently?

I hope you will support your child in learning a poem for the competition. Thank you in advance.

Kind regards

Mrs Faye White

Headteacher