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We'd like to thank all the schools and pupils who submitted entries into the 2022/23 Step into the NHS primary schools competition. We really enjoyed looking through them all!

The competition saw an impressive 747 entries from more than 920 pupils from all over England. We estimate that over 2,500 pupils took part in the competition or worked on its educational resources, which asked pupils to create a piece of artwork or writing that showcased the variety of roles in the NHS. The winners are listed below, and you can see their entries on our online gallery [1] on the Step into the NHS website.

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National winner

We held a Winners' Day on 14 June where our ten regional winners showcased their entries virtually to our NHS judges: nurse Joan Pons Laplana, orthoptist Sajida Hanif, clinical scientist Kade Flowers and physiotherapist Chloe Charles.

They chose Alice and Charlotte, both 10, from Clifton-Upon-Teme Primary School near Worcester, West Midlands, as our national winners!

Alice and Charlotte, who are in year 5, submitted a stop-motion lego video that told the story of a day in the life of Eliza the paramedic and how she interacts with other NHS staff, including porters, chefs and more. It also clearly carried the messaging that anyone can work for any role in the NHS, regardless of gender or background. Their entry stood out to our judges, meaning that they scoop this year's top prize of a £50 Amazon voucher, goody bag, and framed 'national winner' certificate each and a class prize. Their entry will also be displayed in public for their local community to see. Well done Alice and Charlotte!

The judges said: "Absolutely stunning stop motion video with fantastic voice overs! Incredible use of technology, a well thought out and creative idea. You were both very articulate and confident and asked some great questions. Well done on being the national winners!"

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Regional winners

We received some fantastic entries from all over England, and chose the best from each region. Each regional winner receives a 'regional winner' certificate, a £25 Amazon voucher and an exciting goody bag. Highly commended and 'best in school' certificates have also been awarded.

East Midlands

Year 3 pupil Diasha from Brocks Hill Primary School in Oadby, Leicestershire, created a model of three pillars [4] spelling 'NHS'. It included facts about the NHS and listed different jobs. Judges said: "We thought the three pillars was a really impressive design and a very creative way to showcase the range of NHS careers. Well done!"

East of England

Year 5 pupil Mason from The Peterborough School in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, created a montage of colourful photos [5] in the shape of a rainbow. It showcased the variety of careers in the health service and highlighted its diversity. Judges said: "What a creative way to present the whole range of NHS careers - and so uplifting too. Well done!"

Kent, Surrey and Sussex

Year 5 pupil Ivana from Cherry Orchard Primary Academy in Ebbsfleet Valley, Kent, created an 'NHS' poster [6] that showcased many different jobs in a creative way. Judges said: "We loved the people you drew; they really showed the diversity of careers in the NHS and it's clear a lot of thought went into them. Well done!"

London

Year 6 pupils Summer and Abi from Dorchester Primary School in Worcester Park, South West London, created a colourful set of posters [7]. They celebrated the NHS and its 75th birthday, highlighting a number of roles and the service's diversity. Judges said: "Wow. What a great set of posters capturing everything great about the NHS, challenging gender stereotypes and showcasing many of our amazing careers. Well done!"

North East

Year 6 pupils Rose and Poppy from Coxhoe Primary School in Durham created a beautifully-drawn illustration to their short story [8], which imaginatively told how a school class heard from lots of different NHS staff during a careers day. Judges said: "We loved your short story and drawing. You did really well highlighting the range of NHS careers - and researching the skills and qualifications needed too. Well done!"

North West

Year 4 pupils Jasper and James from St Chad's Church of England Primary School in Oldham, Greater Manchester, created a humorous stop-motion video [9] of lego figurines, which showcased a number of NHS roles. Judges said: "We loved the creative approach to your entry showing the range of NHS careers - with some humour!"

South West

Year 5 pupils Amourly from Sandy Hill Academy in St Austell, Cornwall, wrote a thoughtful poem, 'Super Jobs of the NHS

[10]', that detailed the tasks of various NHS staff. Judges said: "We loved reading your amazing poem and the way it highlighted the breadth of jobs in the NHS - especially the lovely message at the end to encourage people to work for us!"

Thames Valley and Wessex

Year 4 pupil Zachary from Bitterne Park Primary School in Southampton created a booklet [11] with a 'happy birthday NHS' message and poem with some illustrations. Judges said: "Your booklet was very well illustrated with pictures to show the range of careers in the NHS. We loved the poem and 'thank you'. Well done!"

Yorkshire and the Humber

Year 5 pupil Zaynah from Steeton Primary School in Keighley, West Yorkshire, designed a colourful poster [12] that showcased a variety of jobs and strongly portrayed the NHS's values of putting patients at the heart of everything it does. Judges said: "Wow. Amazing poster mentioning a whole range of jobs in the NHS. We loved how it reflected the values of the NHS Constitution [13] such as respect, care and equality. Well done!"

2023-24 competition

The 2023-24 competition is now open. Visit the Step into the NHS website [1] for further information about the competition.

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