

2020/21 winners of Step into the NHS primary schools' competition

We'd like to thank all the schools and pupils who submitted entries into the 2020/21 Step into the NHS primary schools' competition.

The competition saw an impressive 1,428 entries from 96 schools from all over England. We estimate that over 7,000 pupils took part in the competition or worked on its educational resources, which asked pupils to submit a creative 'thank you' to NHS staff.

National winner

This year, for the first time, our ten regional winners presented their entry virtually to our judges: A&E doctor and TV presenter Dr Ronx, professor of career education Tristram Hooley and medical student Tash Binnie. They chose 10 year old Harry Jamil from Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary School in Greater Manchester as our national winner!

Harry, who is in year 5, submitted a catchy song thanking NHS staff for their work during the pandemic, performed to the tune of the traditional Wellerman sea shanty song. His entry stood out to our judges, meaning that he scoops this year's top prize of a £50 Amazon voucher. Well done Harry!

Harry commented: "I really enjoyed taking part because I had lots of fun writing about the different jobs in the NHS; not just the doctors and nurses but all the other important jobs too, like the porters and chefs. This is important because the NHS have really helped us through these hard times and helped us try to get things back to normal."

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One of the Step into the NHS judges, medical student Tash Binnie, commented: "Harry, I absolutely loved how creative your entry was. The song was very fun and educational. You've got an amazing voice and your diction was so good - I could hear every single word you were saying. You should be very proud of yourself - well done!"

Regional winners

We received some fantastic entries from all over England, and chose the best from each region. Each regional winner receives a £25 Amazon voucher. Highly commended certificates were also sent to entries on regional shortlists.

East Midlands

Year 6 pupils Shwethaa, Zoya and Siyona from Brocks Hill Primary School in Leicester, who put together a journal on the NHS featuring fun facts about the NHS, a thank you poem and a drawing. The judges commended their teamwork and inspiring words.

East of England

Year 6 pupils Abigail and Ophelia from Isleham C of E (VC) Primary School in Ely, Cambridgeshire, who created an uplifting video of a drawing depicting how different NHS staff, from paramedics and porters to receptionists and radiographers, helped a patient after an accident. See it on YouTube here ^[1]. The judging panel thought the drawings and storytelling was 'fabulous' and that the girls worked well as a team.

Kent, Surrey and Sussex

Year 4 pupil Bethany from Our Lady Immaculate Primary School in Tolworth, Surrey, for creating a colourful poster of an A&E doctor, chef and surgeon, which clearly challenged gender stereotypes. The judges loved Bethany's positive and inspiring presentation and artwork.

London

Year 5 pupil Laine from Belmont Mill Hill Preparatory School in north-west London, who created a slideshow of interesting facts about the NHS, including how the NHS had helped her family personally. It also had a thank you video and profiles of NHS staff. The judges were impressed by the level of research Laine had put into her submission.

North East

Year 6 pupil Jennie from Forest View Primary School in South Shields, who designed a colourful poster with a message and poem thanking NHS staff. It also included facts on the NHS and challenged gender stereotypes, showing that men can be nurses and women can be doctors. The judges thoroughly enjoyed Jennie's entry and said she presented very well.

South

Year 5 pupils Mia, Phoebe and Darcy Leigh from Beechwood Junior School in Southampton, who wrote a thank you poem and framed it with a colourful backdrop of various NHS roles. The judges thoroughly enjoyed their poem, poster and presentation.

Thames Valley and Wessex

Year 6 pupil Olivia from Emerson Valley School in Milton Keynes, who created a beautiful and

detailed drawing of NHS staff, which showed a range of roles and challenged stereotypes. The judges commended Olivia on her drawing skills and her thoughtful questions asked during her presentation.

West Midlands

Year 4 pupil Hannah from Greet Primary School in Birmingham, who created a colourful poster depicting a rainbow and NHS staff in various roles holding hands. Judges valued the spirit and enthusiasm she showed during her presentation.

Yorkshire and the Humber

Year 5 pupil Oscar from Saint Norbert's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy in Scunthorpe, who created a stop motion video demonstrating the range of NHS roles and that carried a powerful message that challenged gender stereotypes. The judges said it was a very uplifting and creative video. You can watch Oscar's video on the Health Careers YouTube channel [here](#) [2].

2021/22 competition

Visit the [Step into the NHS website](#) [3] for further information about the competition. The 2021-22 competition will launch in the Autumn term 2021.

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Links

[1] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqd3hWjrfJ4>

[2] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dtm1zkHUU44>

[3] <https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/primary-schools>