

# Green Pencil Award 2023



## Eligibility and judging criteria

### *Eligibility*

- The competition is open to pupils in P4 to S3 attending an Edinburgh school, or to home-educated children in this age group living in Edinburgh.
- Entries should be on the 2023 theme **Calling all nature Heroes**
- Children can write in any form with the following length restrictions: stories and poems should be no longer than **one side of A4 paper**.
- Entries are restricted to **one entry per pupil** and all entries must be accompanied by an **entry form**.
- Entries must be received in either an **Edinburgh Library** or sent, clearly marked '**Green Pencil Award**', to

LLL Development Officer  
Diane Yule  
B4  
Central Library  
George IV Bridge  
EH1 1EG

to arrive no later than 5 pm on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

### *Awards*

- One of the 20 finalists will be selected as the overall award winner and be awarded the Green Pencil Award trophy and winner's medal.
- The Green Pencil Award trophy must be returned after one year.

### *Judging criteria*

- The judging panel will be drawn from Council staff from Libraries, Eco-Schools and Literacy as well as sponsors and partners.
- Judging will be fair and unbiased: judges will declare any potential conflict of interest e.g. family relationship with entrants
- The judges' decision is final, and no individual correspondence can be entered into.
- Judges are unable to comment on individual entries.
- Entries will be judged on the quality and impact of the writing, originality, the use of language and engagement with the theme.
- Entries will **not** be penalised or corrected for spelling or grammatical inaccuracies where the meaning is clear.
- Any design included with the entry will not influence the judges: it is the writing that is judged.