



Ashlands Primary School

Young Voices for Nature Writing Competition, 2024

We are lucky enough to live in a beautiful part of the country and within our school grounds we have a wonderful forest school area to explore and enjoy. But sadly, wildlife, nature and the environment are increasingly under threat by us humans. Here at Ashlands, we want to build the children's empathy with the natural world and so influence their environmental behaviours and commitments.

As part of Empathy Day, we used stories to raise the children's awareness of key environmental problems and on Wednesday 3rd July we are lucky enough to be joined online by Ellie Jackson, author of the Wild Tribe Heroes series of books who will be reading some of her stories with the children across the school.

To end the year, we are inviting our children to write a story (perhaps inspired by Ellie Jackson), a poem, letter or non-fiction text of their choice with a focus on the impact of humans on nature and the environment.

Written work should be up to 500 words in length.

There are three age categories:

- EYFS and Year 1/2
- Year 3/4
- Year 5 /6

A winner will be picked from each category.

The entries will be judged by Rector CJ Davis

The overall winners will receive their prizes during a special presentation assembly.

Teachers will give time within their classes for entries to be written as we would like as many children as possible from across the school to enter. Please do discuss writing ideas with your child.

Good luck!

Mrs Radford