

# Children's Writing Competition 2021 Prize Ceremony





**Children's Writing Competition 2021** 

Flow of the ceremony

- 1. Opening Speech
- 2. Our judges
  - 3. Announcement of results
  - 4. Publications of the E-book





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#### **Children's Writing Competition 2021**

Opening speech

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## **Children's Writing Competition 2021**

## <u>Aim</u>

To nourish children's creativity and passion for writing stories, and at the same time gain experience in publishing online.

#### <u>Eligibility</u>

Grade 3 - 6 students studying in Primary schools in Hong Kong in 2021

#### **Topic for story**

- Making a new friend who turned out to be very special.
- A wrong decision or choice you made, and how you overcame it.
- You wake up one morning with a new superpower. What is it? Describe the rest of your day.
- Describe what life will be like after COVID-19.
- Describe your best day ever.



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Panel of Judges



Y.Y. Chan, award-winning author of 'Can You Hear Me, Daddy?' (HK)

Gentleman Jim (James Roberts), author of 'Spelf-Check' (US)

Anna Smithers





Anna Smithers, award-winning author of the 'Yogi Superhero' Series (UK)



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Panel of Judges

Sarah Tucker, author of the 'Adventures with Harry & Friends' Series (US)









Natalia Shudruk, author of 'Wildflower Kiss From Heaven' (US)

Aisha Khalfay, author of 'Magi-Pals' (US)







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## **Award Classifications**



Certificate of Winners (1st, 2nd & 3rd) Certificate of Honorable Mentions (Total:10) Certificate of Proficiency Certificate of Participation

(Certificate will be mailed within 2 weeks)





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# Announcement of results Honorable Mentions

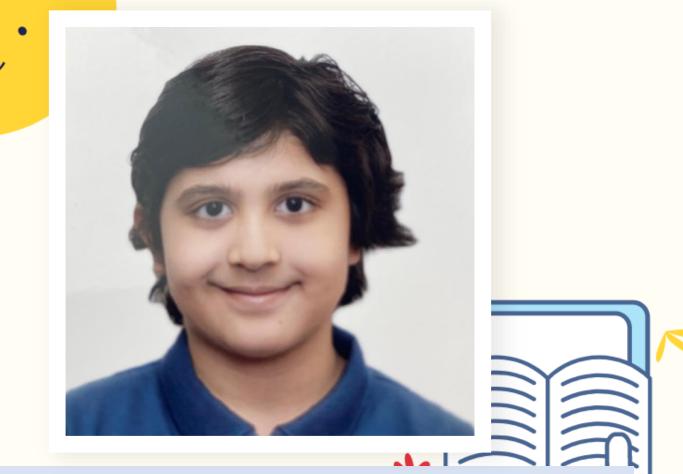
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**Honorable Mentions** 



Dhyani Ahaan (Primary 4) French International School HK To Bring Revenge to Life



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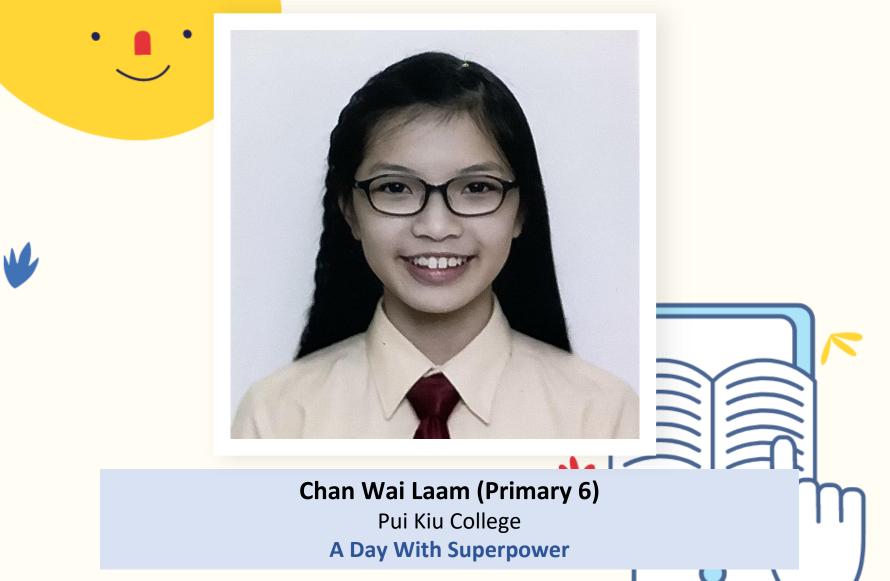
#### **Honorable Mentions**



Lingnan University Alumni Association (Hong Kong) Primary School My New Friend



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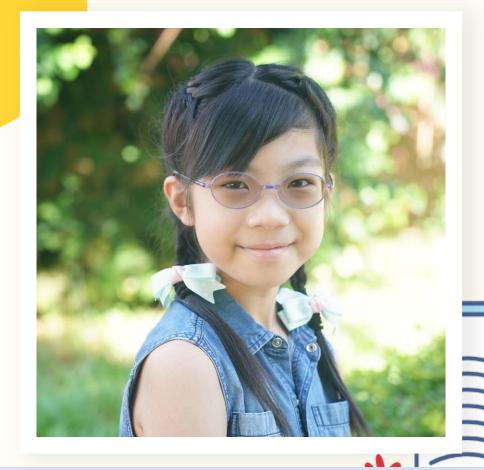
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#### **Honorable Mentions**



Ng Man Him Hannah (Primary 4) International Christian Quality Music Secondary and Primary School Superhero? Zoom!



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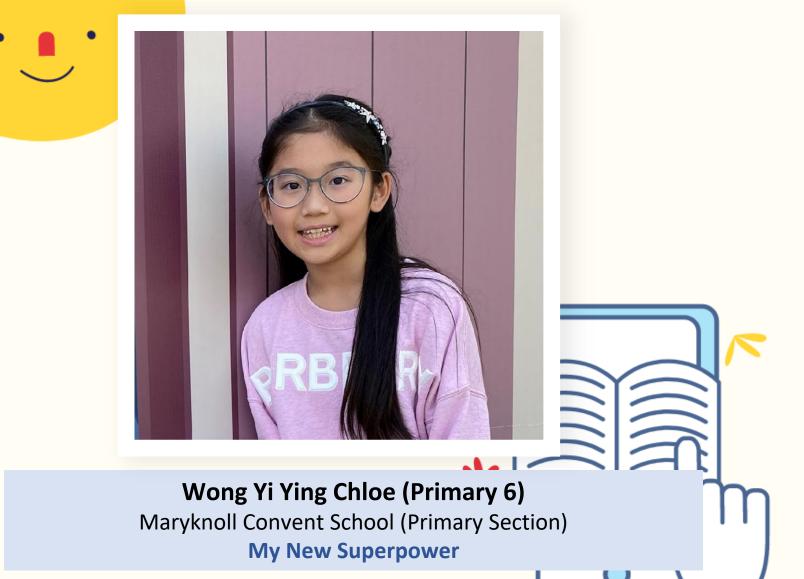


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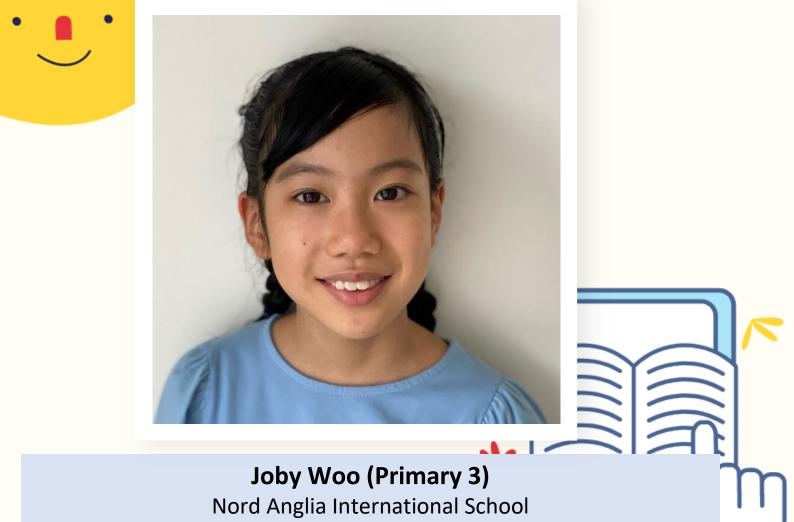
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#### **Honorable Mentions**



**My Superpower** 



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# Announcement of results

Winners





## **Children's Writing Competition 2021**

#### **Third Place Winner**



Xiao Yawen (Primary 4) The Independent Schools Foundation Academy Eyelight

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#### Comments from our judges:

...I loved the creativity here... great ending...

...a very creative story and interesting events. The ending makes readers want to read more...

...very creative story. Well thoughtout. Good use of the superpower throughout the story. Funny ending...





## **Children's Writing Competition 2021**

#### **Third Place Winner**

#### Xiao Yawen (Primary 4) Eyelight

I woke up in a bright room and with itchy eyes. I thought, What happened? Did my face cream get in my eye? I touched my face, and went to look in the mirror. Instead, I only found a bright mirror, it was so bright, I thought I would go blind. I looked around trying to find the reason for the shiny mirror, but found a bright room. I thought, I must have forgotten to turn off the light last night! So I went to shut off the light, but found out the light was already off! I thought I was in a dream, so I pinched myself, but it hurt.

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After a tiring and fun day of playing, the outing leader told us to look at the map together. We all heard the sound of leaves crunching, and looked around, finding ourselves surrounded by a pack of dirty wild boars. They gnashed their rotten yellow teeth and started closing in slowly. With no place to run, I scrambled up a gigantic nearby maple tree like a monkey. Everybody soon followed me. I thought while clinging to the tree, How can we even escape? Should I scare them away with my EyeLight? How do I activate it? I murmured under my breath "Just turn on the light"

Light blasted from my eyes, the wild boars scrambled away in fear like they had seen a ghost. As soon as the wild boars ran away, I turned off the EyeLight and most people asked each other, "Where did that light come from?"



## **Children's Writing Competition 2021**

#### **Third Place Winner**



Xiao Yawen (Primary 4) The Independent Schools Foundation Academy

Eyelight



## **Children's Writing Competition 2021**

#### **Second Place Winner**



Tsang Cecilia Hoi Nam (Primary 6) St Paul's Convent School Am I Capable?

#### Comments from our judges:

...very engaging and good flow from begining to end...

...a very well thought out storyline... everything ties well together and shows character and plot development...

...It was a cool and creative twist and well developed beginning, middle, and end...



## **Children's Writing Competition 2021**

**Second Place Winner** 

#### Tsang Cecilia Hoi Nam (Primary 6) Am I Capable?

When I arrived at school, I challenged my best friend to a race. "Three, two, one!" We both shot off at the same time. When I reached the end of the track, I looked back and saw my friend rushing towards me, not even halfway past the starting point. "At this rate, you're probably going to be even later than I am!" I laughed. My friend was gawking at me, speechless. "What's wrong?" I dropped my grin. "I'm sorry, I didn't mean it!"

"It's not that," she murmured. "Just now, you were really fast. You were there one moment, and the next you were here." We stared at each other in bewilderment, but said nothing.

After school, I decided to go for another run in the neighbourhood. A similar thing happened -- I circled a block in a moment and the whole neighbourhood in just five! I began dashing around, exploring every single corner in a matter of seconds. I discovered a metal gate, peeked inside and saw only shadows. I fetched a torch from my home and wandered inside. The door slammed shut with an ominous thud.



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#### **Second Place Winner**





## **Children's Writing Competition 2021**

#### **First Place Winner**



Clyth Tan Swee Keat (Primary 5) Kennedy School Immunity Boy

#### Comments from our judges:

...very creative way of combining superpowers and COVID together. The structure of the story is clear and flows smoothly, well-developed from beginning to end with problem and solution...

...the fluency, structural development, and detail were very well done... ...it kept me interested and I really liked the creative descriptions this person used...



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**First Place Winner** 

Clyth Tan Swee Keat (Primary 5)

**Immunity Boy** 

I woke up the next morning feeling a strange tingling sensation in my body. I flipped over to find MASSIVE patterns on the bed. I stared at them and to my horror, realised that they were the prints on my bedsheet. If the prints were so big, then... I must be extremely small!!!

"HEEEEEEEEEEEELLLLLP!" I screamed at the top of my lungs but to no avail. The bee flew into a hospital and landed at the edge of a swimming pool. I slid off its back and wondered, "Why is there a swimming pool in a hospital?" Then the realization hit me. It was a cup! Before I knew it, the cup tipped, bringing me along with the water into the unknown...

Suddenly, I saw a white orb, which I deduced must be a white blood cell, running, completely unaware that a malicious COVID-19 virus was training its gun on it. "Look out!" I cried as I instinctively thrust my hands forward. A blinding light shot out from my fingertips, hitting the white orb. "Nooo!" I yelled. However, to my amazement, the white orb now glowed radiantly, his metal sword replaced by a futuristic laser gun. Then, it bulged as more white orbs emerged from it. The white blood cells are cloning! I have the power to boost their capabilities! With renewed hope, I gathered all the white blood cells and cast them with the same glowing light.



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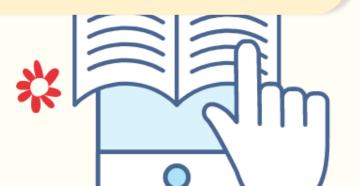




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# The E-book of the 3 winning stories will be ready in Oct - Nov 2021





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## **Contact us**





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# Congratulations to all young writers!



Aisha Khalfay, author of 'Magi–Pals' (US)





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# Deep gratitude to supporters, judges & all helping hands!

