

Short story competition 2010-11

Last year Hlíðaskóli organized a short story competition for the first time. We all know how important writing is for studying a foreign language, and creative writing even more so. Students use their language knowledge to give their own ideas a new fresh coat, they learn to express their thoughts with tools at hand, they enjoy the power of using English in a creative way.

There were three categories, 5th – 6th grades, 7th – 8th grades and 9th – 10th grades.

The youngest ones were allowed to hand in cartoons they created in class with the help of the teacher. The older ones learned at school how to structure a short story and how to organize writing it.

The best way to learn how to write a short story is to read many yourself, or to listen to them. That was a part of our English lessons, and will be this school year again. Starting lessons with reading catches the class's attention and allows them to start a lesson in an easy, pleasant way.

The winners in all three categories received their book awards on the European Day of Languages, the 26th September. This little ceremony took place in the school's library and the headmaster handed out the English books.

Here is a link that includes information about the European Day of Languages and the winning short stories:

<http://hlidaenska.wikispaces.com/Short+story+competition+2011+-+2012>

Since the beginning I have had the idea of inviting other English teachers to join the competition and celebrate the Language Day together. Please tell me what you think – could there be a winner in each category from all participating schools?

Best to you all,

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