

# Young Poets of the Year 2016

## Exploring Nature

**EDP** and

**briar**  
chemicals

Final stage judge:

**Jess French**

TV zoologist and  
children's author.

Closing date:  
July 15, 2016



## The Competition

The **Eastern Daily Press** and Briar Chemicals are launching a schools poetry competition for pupils aged 8 to 11 years to reach its climax around National Poetry Day (October, 2016).

The theme of our competition is **Exploring Nature**.

There are two age categories:

- a) 8 and 9 year-olds
- b) 10 and 11-year-olds (age as at closing date).

The idea is to challenge children

to think creatively about any aspect of **Exploring Nature**, real or imaginary.

The final stage judge of the competition is Jess French, TV zoologist and children's author.

The winner of each age category will receive £100.

Each of their schools will receive £500.

Briar will also donate £500 to help support Jess's chosen charity, the Sumatran Orangutan Society.

The winners and runners-up will receive copies of Jess's book, *Chimp Rescue: The True Story of Chinoise*.

The winners will also have the chance to spend a morning at the EDP.

■ **For any further information call 01603 242311 or email [poetry.competition@briarchemicals.com](mailto:poetry.competition@briarchemicals.com)**

## Judges

First-stage judging:

**Simon Proctor**, of the EDP

**Prof Anne Osbourn**, of the John Innes Centre and founder of SAW Trust (Science, Art and Writing).

**Sarah Piercy**, PR coordinator, Briar Chemicals.

**Tom Blofeld**, author and creator of **BeWILDerwood** family adventure park.

Second-stage judging and final decision: **Jess French**, TV zoologist (including 'Minibeast Adventure with Jess' for (Beebies) and children's author.

## Rules

■ The competition is open to pupils aged 8-11 in the EDP's circulation area.

■ It will be judged in two categories: a) 8 and 9-year-olds b) 10 and 11-year-olds (age as at the closing date).

■ Each poem should be on the theme of **Exploring Nature** but can have its own title. It must be the poet's own work.

■ Poems can be of any length up to 40 lines and should be written clearly or typed on A4.

■ Each poem should have the poet's name, age and school on the back.

■ All entries will be read by the first-stage judges who will select a shortlist for final judging by TV zoologist **Jess French**.

■ The judges' decision is final.

■ Closing date is **July 15, 2016**.

■ All entries should be submitted via the school and cannot be returned.

■ The two winners will be notified in September via the schools. Winners will be announced in the EDP in the autumn.

■ Winning poems – and a selection of others – will be published in the EDP and on the web.

■ Normal Archant competition rules apply.

## Entry form (to be completed by school)

Please detach and return this form with all your school's entries to: **Poetry Competition, Briar Chemicals, Sweet Briar Road, Norwich, NR6 5AP, by July 15, 2016.**

Each poem should have the child's name, age and name of school on the back.

School name.....

Address.....

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Post Code.....

Telephone.....

E-mail.....

## I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these poems are the children's own work

Signed.....

Name (please print).....

Position.....

Please complete the number of entries your school is enclosing:

Ages 8 & 9..... Ages 10 & 11.....

**We would be willing for the children's names and poems to be published in the EDP and on the web if selected.**

Signed.....

Name (please print).....