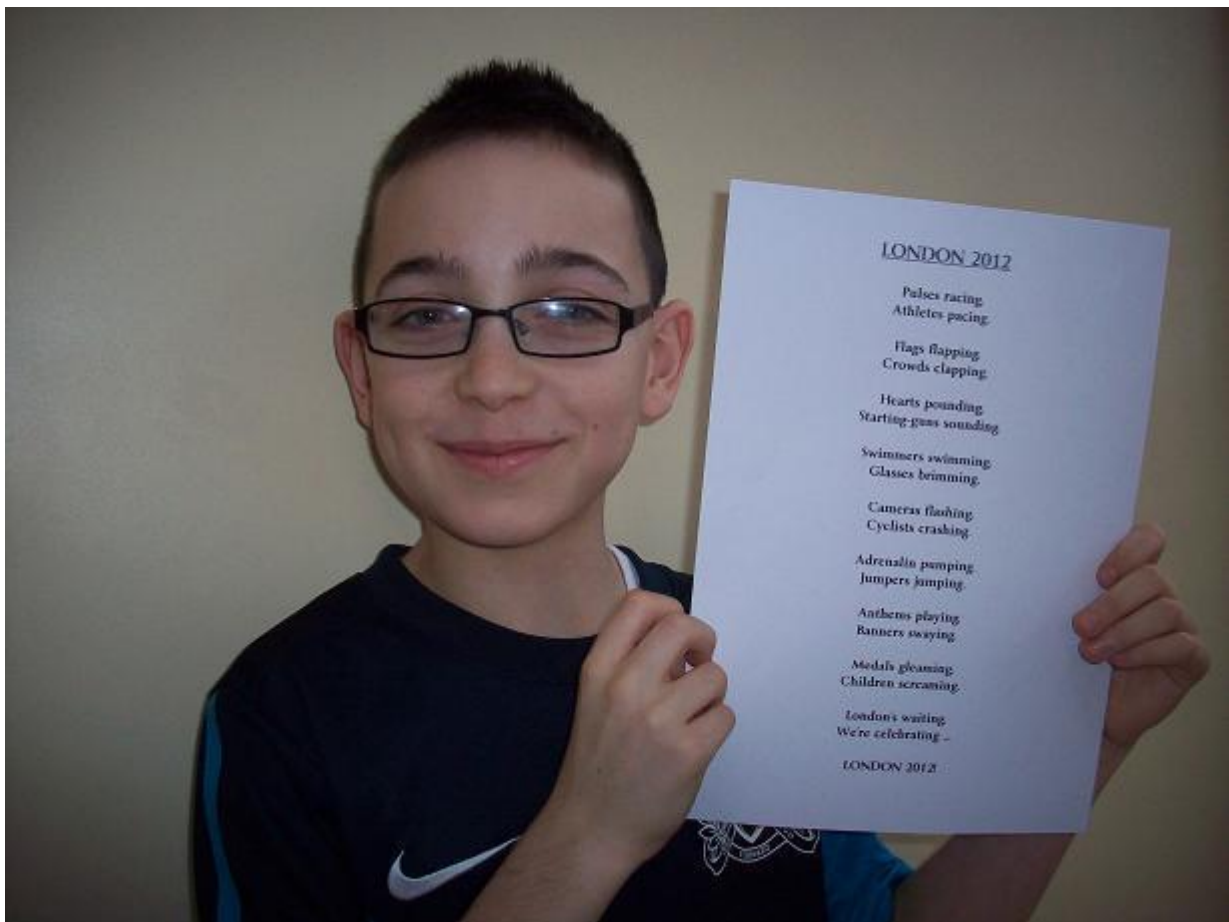


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New Malden schoolboy praised for Olympics poem



Ciaran Powders proudly displays his highly-praised poem

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A piece of homework submitted for a poetry competition celebrating 100 Great Things about the Games won a New Malden schoolboy a high commendation for his entry.

The competition, launched on National Poetry Day last October, invited young Londoners to write a poem about what they thought was best about the London 2012 games.

Ciaran Powders, 11, wrote his poem 'London 2012' to try to capture the atmosphere, sights and sounds of the event.

He said he felt "brilliant, just really happy," about his achievement. The class was set the school literacy homework and encouraged to enter it into the competition.

His mother Nicki said: "I'm so proud, especially as is only a single commendation per age group."

The family will be watching the Games on TV, and aside from football, Ciaran's favourite sport at the Games will be the athletics.

The competition received over 2,000 entries, making it one of the most successful Mayor of London schools competitions to date.

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All of the poems are available to view on www.london.gov.uk/poetry website and Ciaran will receive a certificate and youth membership to the Poetry Society.

Hannah King, 14, from Kingston was also shortlisted in the competition.

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Musical celebration as life-long Kingston resident reaches 100



Joyce Grace celebrates her 100th birthday

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Champagne, cakes and a sing-a-long helped a much-loved aunt celebrate her 100th birthday.

Joyce Gray was born and raised in Kingston and celebrated her birthday on Monday, February 20, with her nephew, two nieces and other residents in the Hamilton Nursing Home, in Surbiton.

Miss Gray had her card from the Queen and her telegram on display, congratulating her on reaching this hugely significant milestone.

Hedley Kay provided musical entertainment, singing to Miss Gray and, after a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday from guests and residents, she cut her cake.

Miss Gray worked at the once renowned KLG Sparking Plug factory in Putney Vale after leaving school at 15, and remained there until she retired at 64.

Her niece, June Boreham, travelled from Leicester to spend the day with her aunt, describing her as very family orientated.

“She’s a very content lady,” she said.

“She’s led a very happy life, with all her family around her.”

Mrs Boreham described how Miss Gray had taken care of her parents and had been very close to her three sisters, all of whom had sadly passed away.

Mrs Boreham said: “She gets a bit forgetful, but she’s 100, so she’s allowed.”

Activities co-ordinator Eirian Williams described Miss Gray as very sweet and good natured.

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“She always shows her appreciation when you either pop into her room for a chat or when she visits the residents’ lounge for some of the activities.

“She has a wonderful smile and often a ready wave or handshake.”