

## Poetry competition content

Following the success of last year's poetry competition, this year, Dyslexia Action will be doing it all over again! The aim of the competition is to help raise awareness of the importance of being able to read and write and this year it is being championed by poet and musician Benjamin Zephaniah who is dyslexic himself and knows how important poetry has been in helping him express his thoughts and feelings. Any UK child between the age of 7 – 15 are eligible to enter.

The winning poems will be recited and performed by Benjamin Zephaniah and the school with the most entries will win a visit from a well-known local author thanks to Hachette Children's Books. There are many other prizes up for grabs too, including over £100 worth of books, a DVD player from SONY, vouchers from Amazon and goodies from BIC, Stabilo, Nando's, Zavvi and many more.

The competition is supporting Dyslexia Action's new appeal called 'It's ME!' where ME stands for My Education. The appeal has just launched to raise awareness of dyslexia as a hidden disability but one that should not be a hidden cause. The theme of this year's poetry competition will be, *'What makes me ME?'*

For more information about the competition and details on how to enter, please visit [www.itsme.org.uk/poetry](http://www.itsme.org.uk/poetry)