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**DIAMOND JUBILEE AUTUMN POETRY COMPETITION**

The annual Poetry Competition organised by the Gibraltar Culture & Heritage Agency, in conjunction with the Gibraltar Chronicle and the Department of Education and Training, attracted a total of 141 entries. The Minister for Culture, the Hon Steven Linares, presented the awards on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 4.30pm at the Gibraltar Garrison Library.

Commenting on the competition Mr Linares said:

‘The Poetry Competition gives another dimension to culture. This element adds alongside music, theatre, art and other established aspects the literary aspect of the Festival. I am extremely pleased with the high number of entries, but more importantly, with the quality of the entries.

I would like to thank everyone involved in this venture, including the Gibraltar Chronicle, the Department of Education and Training and especially the adjudicator Mr Charles Durante. However, I would especially like to thank the many children who put pen to paper and in doing so, allowed us to enjoy their excellent work.’

The Prize winners are:

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| <b>Overall Winner</b> | <b>Jackie Anderson</b> | <b><i>‘Gratitude to her Consort’</i></b> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Jane Wadsley           | ‘A Diamond Morning’                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Elena Sciattiel        | ‘Diamond Jubilee Nursery Rhyme’          |

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| <b>Winner: School Years 4 - 5</b>  | <b>Zoe King</b><br>St Joseph's Middle School               | <b><i>'The Queens's 60 Years'</i></b> |
| Runner Up:                         | Amy Avellano<br>St Joseph's Middle School                  | <i>'The Diamond Jubilee'</i>          |
| Highly Commended                   | Cameron Docherty<br>St Joseph's Middle School              | <i>'Our Queen'</i>                    |
| <b>Winner: School Years 6 - 7</b>  | <b>Jasmine Mahtani</b><br><b>St Joseph's Middle School</b> | <b><i>'A Magical Wish'</i></b>        |
| Runner Up:                         | Hannah Caras-Altas<br>St Joseph's Middle School            | <i>'Jubilee Poem'</i>                 |
| Highly Commended                   | Catherine Mason<br>St Joseph's Middle School               | <i>'The Diamond Jubilee'</i>          |
| <b>Winner: School Years 8 - 11</b> | <b>Melanie Trinidad</b><br><b>Westside School</b>          | <b><i>'The Queen's Gallery'</i></b>   |

The Overall winner received a £300 cash prize and a trophy donated by the Ministry of Culture.

The winners in each school year category also received a trophy donated by the Ministry of Culture, as well as a £50 voucher and a pen kindly donated by the Gibraltar Chronicle.

Entries obtaining Runner-up Prizes and Highly Commended received their corresponding certificates from the Ministry for Culture and a pen also kindly donated by the Gibraltar Chronicle.