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**SPRING FESTIVAL 2013 - SCHOOL CHILDREN'S  
SHORT STORY COMPETITION**

The annual School Children's Short Story Competition organised by the Ministry of Culture, in conjunction with the Gibraltar Chronicle and the Department of Education and Training, attracted a total of 246 entries. The Chief Culture Officer, Yvette Zarb, presented the awards on behalf of the Minister for Culture, the Hon Steven Linares.

The competition was judged by, Mr Charles Durante, Mrs Aida Delaney and Mrs Patsy Scott.

Before today's presentation, Minister for Culture, Steven Linares said:

'As a Minister and a teacher by profession, I am delighted to see the number of entries in this year's Short Story Competition. The high standard and variety of work and the imagination of some of the participants is overwhelming. I would like to thank and congratulate all the participants and everyone involved with this competition.'

The Prize winners were:

**Adult**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jean Rovegno  
*'Lonely'*

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jackie Anderson  
*'Predictable Me'*

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Elena Scialtiel  
*'Dinner with Tariq and Aaron'*

**Year 12 – 13**

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1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gabriella Garcia – Westside Comprehensive School  
*'The End of the World'*

### **Year 8 – 11**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Petr Zagura – Bayside Comprehensive School  
*'An Emergency Landing'*

Runner Up: Richard Louis Parral – Bayside Comprehensive School  
*'The Dream'*

Highly Commended:  
David Garcia – Bayside Comprehensive School  
*'The Young Man and the Sea'*

### **Year 4 – 7**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Joey Sacarello – St Joseph's Middle School  
*'Three Brave Mice'*

Runner Up: Sami Tunbridge – Bishop Fitzgerald Middle School  
*'My Brother Sean'*

Highly Commended:  
Jasmine Mahtani – St Joseph's Middle School  
*'The Cheesiest Tale'*

Liam Bird – St Joseph's Middle School  
*'Footprints in the Snow'*

The Overall Winner, Jean Rovegno received the £300 cash prize and trophy donated by the Ministry of Culture.

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

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

**All winning entries will be published in due course in the Gibraltar Chronicle.**