

Strokestown International Poetry Festival – Schools’ Poetry Competition 2017. The competition was held on Friday 28th April in The Percy French Hotel, Strokestown. The Judge Noelle Lynskey said that the standard was extremely high this year and commended both pupils and teachers for the quality of poems entered. There was a new prize given this year, which was for a teacher in both Primary and Secondary who has consistently supported the competition with quality work, encouraging new writing talent in the schools. The Primary school teacher winner was Karen Ronane from St. Anne’s NS, Castlerea, and the Secondary teacher was David Leonard from Abbey Community College Boyle. Book Prizes were donated by both Roscommon County Council and The Western Development Commission.

Results below

Primary School – Winning Order

Place	Name	School	Teacher	Poem
1st	Caitriona Soares	St. Annes NS, Castlerea	Karen Ronane	Final Curtain
2nd	Eimear Tighe	St. Mary’s Strokestown	Anna Feely	Last Friday Evenings tea
3rd	Olivia Bruen	The Don, Ballaghaderreen	Maria Mulligan	Goodbye
HC	John Casey	Ballyfeeney, Scramogue	Ms Lavin	The Turbines
HC	Clodagh Gill	Clooncagh, Strokestown	Ms Kelly	The Struggle of School
HC	Eoghan Flanagan	St. Patrick’s Boys, Strokestown	Carmel Tighe	What will I write about
HC	Anna McGrath	Grange, Boyle	Mary Brett	Cross Country
HC	Cliodhna McNamara	Brideswell NS	Mrs Muldoon	A Slaves Revolution

HC = Highly Commended

Secondary School – Winning Order

	Name	School	Teacher	Poem
1	Megan McKenna	Abbey Community College, Boyle	Mr. Leonard	Teenage Minds
2	Gillian Brennan	Scoil Mhuire, Strokestown	Mrs Reynolds	Finale
3	Niamh Petrie	Convent of Mercy, Roscommon	Carmel Whyte	A Poem for the forgotten
H C	Aaran del Prado	Roscommon Community College	Ms Connelly	Pompeii
H C	Finn Doherty	Abbey Community College	Simon Walsh	These few
H C	Niamh Kelly	Scoil Mhuire, Strokestown	Ms Reynolds	Third Bathroom Stall
H C	Noelle Martin	Abbey Community College Boyle	Mr Leonard	Captured
H C	Ultan Shannon	Abbey Community College, Boyle	Mr Walsh	Creative Pet Peeve