

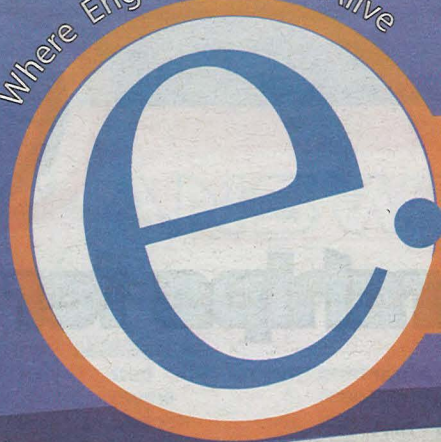
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CEFL Scholarships for Two!

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Cambridge English For Life Sdn. Bhd. (CEFL) centre recently announced the names of the two grand prize winners of Publish It! - the short story writing competition.

Each winner received the grand prize of a scholarship worth RM5,000 to study English at any of their CEFL branches across the country for a year.

The competition which kicked off in February this year was the result of the collaborative efforts between Unit Pendidikan (Utusan Malaysia) and CEFL.

The competition targeted primary school students aged between nine to twelve.

CEFL Chief Academic Officer, Keith Harris said he hoped the students had enjoyed themselves and were able to use the language in their everyday conversations with greater confidence.

"You need to practice using the English language regularly through activities such as writing, speaking and reading so that your command of the language gets better and better," he said during the prize giving ceremony in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, recently.

The two grand prize winners were

Abrar Na'eemi Mohd. Lutfi from Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Bukit Raya, Hulu Langat and Ng Jo Yee from Sekolah Antarabangsa Tenby, Klang, Selangor.

Both of them won the scholarship worth RM5,000, a certificate of participation and a goody bag each.

Meanwhile, seven other students won consolation prizes of goody bags and certificates of participation in appreciation of their efforts.

Harris said that students should continue speaking in English and not be afraid to use it as making mistakes was just part of the learning process.

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"When we make a mistake, we will try to correct it and through that process, we learn something new and the chances are we would not make that mistake again," he explained.

He said, "When you have a free style writing competition like Publish It!, students get an opportunity to be as creative as possible. This makes it more interesting and challenging for them as most times in the school environment, they are expected to write within a given framework."

One of the grand prize winners, Jo Yee, said that she was surprised and overjoyed at having won the grand prize.

"I really did not expect to win but I am glad I did. I like to participate in writing competitions such as this. My mother encouraged me and my teachers gave me full support as well.

"My hobby is writing, reading and drawing and one day, I hope to be a scientist," she said.

The other grand prize winner, Abrar Na'eemi said that this success was all the more meaningful as it was his first attempt.

"My mother was my biggest supporter and I would like to share this exciting experience with my friends and teachers when school reopens.

"My favourite subject is English and this success has really inspired me. I am going to take part in all other writing competitions that I come across in future," he said.

Meanwhile, Anschelli Thanaperaigasam said that she was happy to win a consolation prize although it would have been wonderful to win the grand prize.

"This competition has taught me to focus more on writing skills as this will automatically improve my overall command of the language.

"I was not so lucky this time but I am not going to be discouraged and will continue to improve myself and take part in more such writing competitions in future," said the standard six student from SK Tarcisian Convent, Ipoh, Perak.

