

Poetry Slam 2019

On 11th October 2019, to celebrate National Poetry Day, Grove Park Primary School hosted a Poetry Slam! A Poetry Slam is an arts event, in which poets perform spoken word poetry before a live audience and (sometimes) a panel of judges. Culturally, poetry slams are a break with the misconception that many hold – that it is an elitist or rigid art form. Here, at Grove Park, we certainly showed that poetry is accessible to all and is a special way of communicating some very profound, important and often entertaining messages/themes.

At Grove Park Primary School's Poetry Slam, each class performed a poem of their choice in front of the school, learnt by heart and decorated with actions and even costumes. The poems were fantastic and the atmosphere amongst the children, inherently respectful and encouraging – you can imagine how nerve-wracking it must be to stand up and perform in front of the whole school. Below are the poems we performed with such enthusiasm and some photos to show what fun we had!



Reception	Little Frog Anon	Dirt on my Shirt By Jeff Foxworthy
Year 2	Song of the Witches William Shakespeare (Macbeth)	Song of the Witches William Shakespeare (Macbeth)
Year 3	Please Mrs Butler Allan Ahlberg	Doctor! Doctor! Tony Peek
Year 4	Night Mail WH Auden	Night Mail WH Auden
Year 5	Galaxy Song Monty Python	Galaxy Song Monty Python
Year 6	Poem for Black Saturday Len Smith	I Asked the River Valerie Bloom

