

# **Majour Longford Children's Literary Event**

The Maria Edgeworth Literary Festival has grown in stature and national recognition since its inception. It serves several notable purposes: preserving the name of the Edgeworth family, giving recognition to the spectacular intellectual and creative achievements of the gifted family and contributing to the continued growth of creative writing in Longford by affording children's writing the same status and recognition as adult writing.

Many of our adult writers today began to develop the belief that they are possessed of a literary talent through their participation in the Edgeworth Children's Poetry Competition when they were much younger.

It is that time of the year again - the hard working committee in Edgeworthstown are inviting submission to the 2017 Children's Poetry competition on a theme of: **Maria Edgeworth in the Garden.**

If you know a primary school student who has demonstrated any interest in writing or rhymes please direct them towards this worthwhile exercise. All necessary details are outlined below:

## **THEME: MARIA EDGEWORTH IN THE GARDEN**

Entry Fee: €1 per entry

1st Prize €50

2nd Prize €30

3rd Prize €20

**Closing date 24th February 2017**

### **Rules:**

1. Entry Fee must accompany all entries.
2. All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been published, accepted for publication, broadcast or honoured by the closing dates for entries.
3. All entries to be clearly written or typed on one side of the paper only.
4. Name and address to go on a separate attached sheet.
5. The decision of the judges shall be final.
6. Poems limited to 40 lines.

### **Entries to be sent to:**

Competition Secretary,  
Edgeworth Literary Society,  
Old School House,  
Ballymahon Road,  
Edgeworthstown,  
Co. Longford  
Tel. No. 043-6671801

