

Young Film Critic of the Year 2010

A creative task that's always topical, stimulating and fun for all your pupils!

Are you in need of a lively end of term project for Year 6, or looking for an effective communication tool for your EYFS pupils? Do you have talented writers in your school who would benefit from a public outlet for their work? We might just have the answer.

Film Education's Young Film Critic of the Year competition encourages pupils to develop key Literacy and higher order thinking skills. The competition gives children the opportunity to articulate their opinions and engage with their audience by reviewing a film they have seen at the cinema over the last year.



The 2009 ceremony host, BBC Blue Peter Presenter Joel Defries, on stage with all the award nominees



Phoebe Lawrence, winner of the primary Film Club award, is presented with her award by Tom Felton, actor and Joel Defries



Hammad Raza, winner of the 7-11 category, is presented with his award by Steve Knibbs, Chief Operating Officer of Vue Cinemas and Joel Defries

Whether they've been to a Film Education screening, seen a film with their family or gone to the cinema with friends, we would like to hear your pupils' viewpoint on what they have been watching.

To support pupils and teachers in developing their work in-class, we have created an online resource including detailed Teachers' Notes, background information and suggested activities. These can be found at www.youngfilmcritic.org together with all the information you need to enter the competition. The site also features photographs from past ceremonies as well as last year's winning reviews.

About the Competition

Young Film Critic of the Year Primary competition is judged in two age categories, 4-7 and 8-11, with matching categories for pupils with a sensory impairment.

4-7 years: drawing/painting representing a favourite film

Entrants will need to produce an A4 visual representation of a scene or create a poster for a film they have seen. To create the poster they can use any materials providing it fits onto an A4 sheet of paper and can be sent in the post.

8-11 years: written review of approximately 250 words

We also welcome Braille, audio or video entries from sensory impaired entrants.

This year's competition deadline: Wednesday 15th September 2010

How to enter

To enter visit the competition website: www.youngfilmcritic.org
Entries need to be sent directly to Young Film Critic Primary, Film Education, 91 Berwick Street, London, W1F 0BP along with an entry form.

In addition to the enjoyment of actively watching film and developing their critical and creative skills, competition finalists receive a goodie bag, free cinema tickets, plus an invitation to a gala ceremony at BAFTA in London during October. Past competition winners have been interviewed on Radio 5 Live, written for Empire magazine, reviewed films for the First Light Awards and even spoken at a House of Commons event.

If you have any questions about the competition please email yfc@filmeducation.org

This competition can be implemented into your teaching plans tomorrow – so don't delay.

We look forward to receiving your entries!



Joel Defries interviews actor Tom Felton for BBC Blue Peter