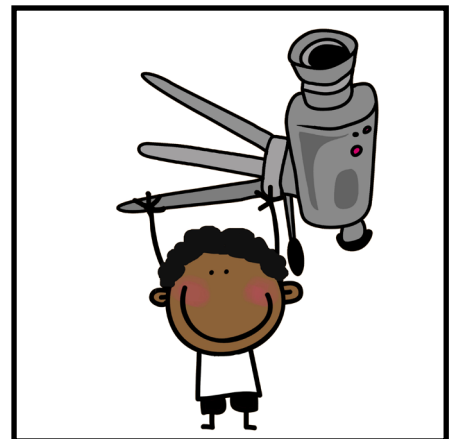
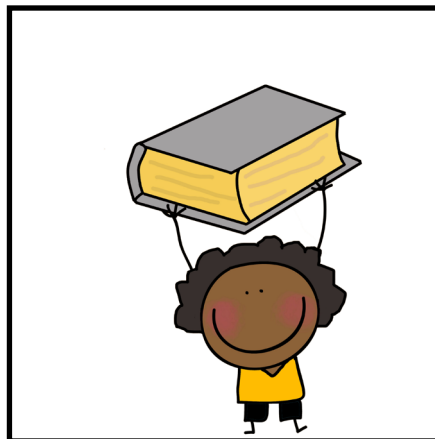
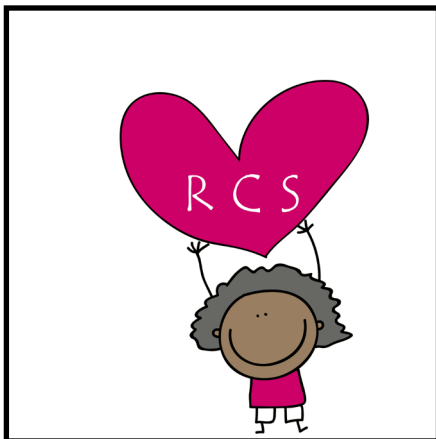
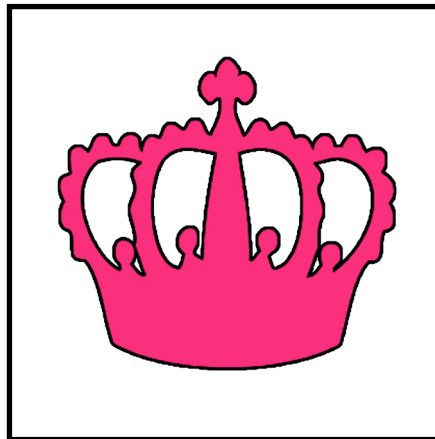
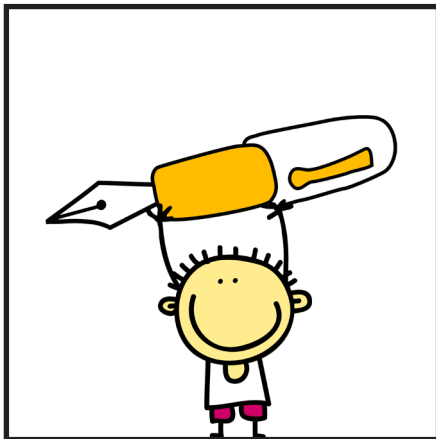
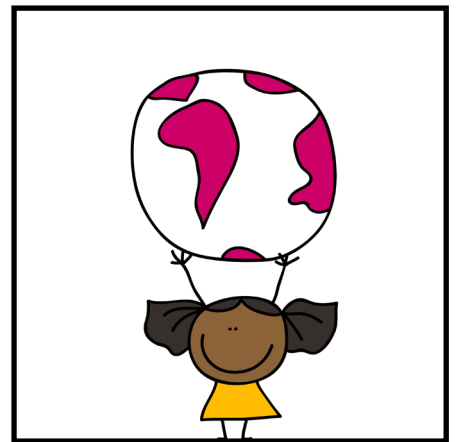
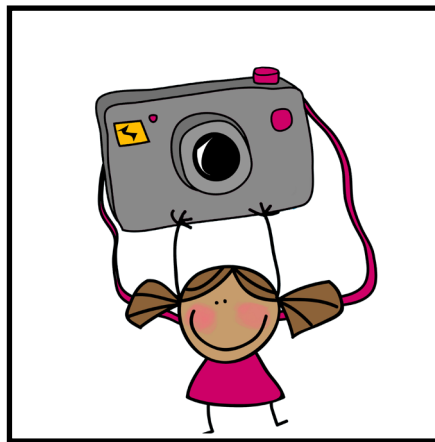
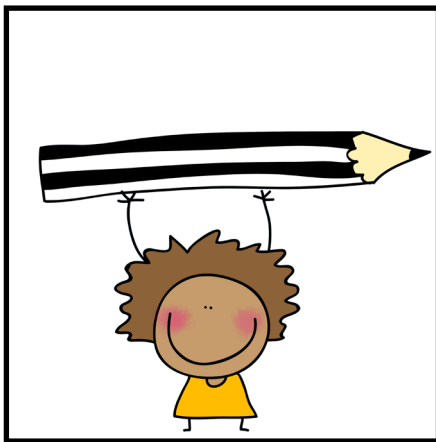




THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY
AT THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB

YOUNG COMMONWEALTH COMPETITIONS 2012

CONNECTING CULTURES FOR THE JUBILEE



FEELING CREATIVE?

INTERESTED IN THE WORLD AROUND YOU?

ENJOY HISTORY, JOURNALISM, WRITING, FILMMAKING OR PHOTOGRAPHY?

STOP PRESS!

The Royal Commonwealth Society’s annual Young Commonwealth Competitions encourage young people to use writing, film and photography to respond creatively to global challenges.

2012 marks the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her 60th year as Head of the Commonwealth. To celebrate this very special occasion, for one year only, all entries into our Young Commonwealth Competitions will become part of the world’s biggest history project, the Commonwealth Jubilee Time Capsule. Take part in our competitions in 2012 and your entry will join 22,000 others – one for each day that Her Majesty has been Head of the Commonwealth – in the Capsule. Your memories - the untold stories of millions of ordinary and extraordinary lives - are the story of the modern Commonwealth.

YOUNG COMMONWEALTH COMPETITIONS

In 2012, all our competitions will be based on the Commonwealth theme, ‘Connecting Cultures’. All entries must relate to a single day in the last 60 years since Her Majesty ascended to the throne on 6th February 1952. All entries must be your own original work. Every year, over 50,000 young people take part in this prestigious awards scheme. Our Young Commonwealth Competitions come with some great prizes, and in 2012 you’ll be eligible for Jubilee Time Capsule prizes too!

DEADLINE FOR ALL COMPETITIONS: 1ST MAY 2012



COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION

Run by the RCS since 1883, this is the world’s oldest and largest schools’ writing competition. To enter, you must be aged 18 or under on 1st May 2012. You must also be a national of, or living in, a Commonwealth country. On the first page of your entry, please write your name, age, topic number and the date you have chosen to write about.

HOW DO I ENTER? To enter the essay competition, you must pick a day between 6th February 1952 and the present. Then, using one of the topics in the grey box as your inspiration, tell us about what happened on that day. You might like to think about why that day was important to you, your family, or your community. The event must not be fictional, but we encourage you to be creative in the way you share the story.

**PICK A DAY FROM 6TH FEBRUARY 1952 TO THE PRESENT.
THEN, USING ONE OF THE TOPICS BELOW, TELL US ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED!**

- 1.** The day I wore my best clothes.
- 2.** A feast or a festival.
- 3.** An interview with an adult about a significant day in their life.
- 4.** A day's journey.
- 5.** A birth OR a wedding OR a funeral.
- 6.** My response to an event that made the news headlines.
- 7.** A sporting event.
- 8.** The day I met my hero/heroine.

HOW LONG SHOULD MY ESSAY BE? If you are aged between 14 and 18 on 1st May 2012, please write between 1,200 and 1,750 words. If you are aged under 14 on 1st May 2012, please write between 300 and 700 words.

PICK A DAY (6TH FEB 1952 - PRESENT)

CHOOSE A TOPIC FROM THE LIST ABOVE

**WRITE A POEM, LETTER, ARTICLE, ESSAY
OR STORY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. FEEL
FREE TO INCLUDE ILLUSTRATIONS OR PHOTOS.**

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY!

EXAMPLE ENTRY 1

Name: Aisha Khan

Age: 11

Topic No: 3

Chosen Date: 4th July 1964

My Grandmother was a young nurse at the local hospital when she heard what had happened on that day...

EXAMPLE ENTRY 2

Name: Jonathan Ng

Age: 14

Topic No: 4

Chosen Date: 8th May 2004

On this day I took the bus to the capital city and discovered the most incredible thing...



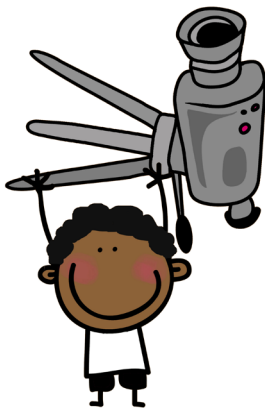
COMMONWEALTH PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARDS

This year's Commonwealth theme is 'Connecting Cultures'. Whether you use a digital, analogue, disposable or mobile phone camera, we want to see your image! Your entry must relate to a single day in the last 60 years since 6th February 1952.

You must be aged 30 or under on 1st May 2012, and a national of, or living in, a Commonwealth country to enter. Please include a date of birth when entering as all photos will be judged according to age group. Entrants should submit one photo and up to 500 words of accompanying text to explain why your image is connected to your chosen day and this year's theme.



COMMONWEALTH VISION AWARDS



Young filmmakers are invited to submit a film of up to 4 minutes long responding to this year's theme, 'Connecting Cultures'. Your entry must relate to a single day in the last 60 years since 6th February 1952.

You must be aged 30 or under on 1st May 2012, and a national of, or living in, a Commonwealth country to enter. Please include a date of birth when entering as all films will be judged according to age group. Entrants should submit one film and up to 500 words of accompanying text to explain why your entry is connected to your chosen day and this year's theme

PRIZES

Thousands of young people from around the world enter every year, but the winners are often those picking up a camera or putting pen to paper for the first time. What we look for is a creative spark, a unique insight or a bold idea.

In 2012, all essays, photos and films will be entered into the Jubilee Time Capsule. For one year only, your chance of winning a prize is doubled!

By entering the Young Commonwealth Competitions, you could:

- See your Jubilee Time Capsule entry presented to Her Majesty the Queen in 2012.
- Win a certificate, cash or photographic equipment.
- Win resources for your school.
- Be flown to London.
- Be invited to meet famous authors, film directors and photographers; take part in expert workshops to learn new skills; and do work experience at international organisations.
- See your entry exhibited around the Commonwealth and featured in worldwide media.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES

ONLINE: Please upload your entries to www.thercs.org/youth/competitions

BY POST: Each postal entry must be accompanied by an entry form (below)

DIRECTLY TO US: FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions, 25 Northumberland Avenue, London, WC2N 5AP, UK

AMERICAS/CARIBBEAN: FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions, The British Council, 19 St. Clair Avenue, St. Clair, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

AFRICA: FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions, Baobab College, PO Box 350099, Chilanga, Zambia. OR, FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions, The British High Commission, P.O Box 296, Accra, Ghana

ASIA: FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions, The British High Commission, 185 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

PACIFIC: FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions, The British High Commission, PO Box 1812, Wellington 6140, New Zealand

YOUNG COMMONWEALTH COMPETITIONS 2012 POSTAL ENTRY FORM

PLEASE TICK: Essay Photo Film (You may enter each of the three competitions once)

ENTRANT

First name:

Last name:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

Country of residence:

Email address (if you have one):

Postal address:

Date chosen (6th February 1952 - present):

ADULT/TEACHER (if entrant is under 18)

SCHOOL (if applicable)

Name:

Name:

Relationship to entrant:

Email:

Email:

Postal Address:

Phone number:

All entries will be uploaded into the RCS archive. After filling in the postal or online entry form, please write ONLY your name, age, chosen day and essay topic (if applicable) on the work itself. Do not write any personal details directly on your entry.

JUBILEE TIME CAPSULE In addition to entering the Young Commonwealth Competitions 2012, you can enter the Jubilee Time Capsule as many times as you want! Whatever your age, wherever you live, share your story with Her Majesty and the world: www.jubileetimecapsule.org.

SUPERSCHOOLS Over 60 schools from 26 countries around the Commonwealth have joined what promises to be one of the world's most ambitious classroom collaborations. Together these "SuperSchools" are helping us to reach 22,000 days of content for the Jubilee Time Capsule. Email jubilee@thercs.org or call +44 (0) 207 766 9206 if you would like your school to join this unique international team: www.jubileetimecapsule.org/discover/super-schools

COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY REPORTERS We are looking for stories from local communities for the Jubilee Time Capsule. If you are a budding journalist, if you know someone who is or you want to have your community's voice heard, we want to hear from you! Visit our website for more information: www.jubileetimecapsule.org/info/groups

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS 'Antigua to Zambia: Getting to know your Commonwealth' is a teaching resource designed to bring the Commonwealth to your classroom. Download free lesson plans from our website: www.thercs.org/youth/materials. You will also find special lesson plans for the Jubilee Time Capsule: www.jubileetimecapsule.org/info/groups

COMMONWEALTH WEEK 2012 Every year, on the second Monday in March, people all over the world celebrate the special partnership of nations, peoples and ideals which is the modern Commonwealth. For this special Jubilee year, we encourage your school to mark the week with a celebration! You can hold a lesson on the Commonwealth, enter a special 2012 story into the Jubilee Time Capsule, run a mini Commonwealth Games in your sports class or learn about another Commonwealth country's culture. Email us at youth@thercs.org for more ideas. If your school is based in the UK and would like to register your interest to be selected to attend the Commonwealth Day Observance at Westminster Abbey on 12th March 2012, please contact the RCS at youth@thercs.org.



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