

2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR

YOUNG SEACOLE AMBASSADORS INITIATIVE - 2024 COMPETITION

WHO IS YOUR MODERN DAY MARY SEACOLE?



Write a story

Tell us in 200 words or less who in your life shows one or more of Mary's qualities

Create a Song or poem

Use the power of music to tell us how someone you know is like Mary

Create a video or draw a picture

Send us a picture of your drawing or create a video that shows us someone you know who has Mary's qualities

MARY SEACOLE



Mary Seacole was born of Jamaican/Scottish parents in Kingston, Jamaica in 1805 and followed in her mother's footsteps as a doctress, nurse and entrepreneur. In 1850, she nursed victims of the Jamaican cholera outbreak. Mary loved to travel and in 1851 single-handedly cared for patients during a cholera epidemic in Panama. Back in Jamaica, Mary looked after victims of a yellow fever epidemic in 1853 and the British army asked her to supervise nursing services at their headquarters in Up-Park Camp, Kingston.

Mary Seacole's role in the Crimean War is well documented. Her contributions continue to be praised and she was warmly described as 'Mother Seacole'.

Mary died in London in 1881 and is buried in St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, London.

The Mary Seacole Trust is a charity whose work focuses on four key aims:

1. To educate and inform the public about the life, work and achievements of Mary Seacole
2. To ensure the maintenance of the permanent public memorial in the garden of St Thomas' Hospital
3. To promote Mary Seacole as a role model, supporting those involved in tackling social challenges of inequality, with a particular focus on young people and the promotion of good citizenship, entrepreneurship and achievement
4. To build on the legacy of Mary Seacole and campaign for fairness and equality, promoting diverse leadership in private and public service, including, although not limited to, the NHS in the UK.

THE COMPETITION DETAILS



MARY

We know there are some outstanding examples of excellence. So we're asking youngsters to tell us about someone (or a group of people) in their life who demonstrates one or more of Mary Seacole's qualities:

Moral
Adventurous
Resilient
Young-at-heart

SEACOLE

The winning entry must demonstrate any of the following...

Strong
Entrepreneurial
Active
Courageous
Original
Liberal
Empathetic

HEROES

The nominated person can be anyone they know or have been inspired by - a doctor, teacher, parent or friend etc

BUT **NOT**... a celebrity!

if you know someone is special to you, we want to hear about them!

ENTRY DETAILS

Entries should be submitted either by a member of staff or a parent/guardian via email to:

education@maryseacoletrust.org.uk, clearly stating the following:

1. Name of Child
2. School Year, eg. Year 5
3. Name of School

The Young Seacole Ambassador's initiative launched in 2018, as a competition open to Years 6 and 7 of schools across Lambeth and Southwark. The aim is to appeal to younger generations by encouraging them to consider the inspirational qualities of Mary Seacole for modern day times.

For the competition students are asked to submit a piece of work in response to the question "Who is your modern-day Mary Seacole?"

Documents (Word/Powerpoint) and pictures (jpeg) can be sent as email attachments. Videos, due to their size, should be uploaded to YouTube/Dropbox and the link shared by email, as stated above.

Due to the high number of submissions we receive, an automated email will notify you that your submission has been received by us.

In this years' competition there will be two categories where there will be separate prizes and awards in each of the following categories:

1. Years 5 and 6
2. Years 7 and 8

Prizes on offer will be selected from a menu of partners of the Mary Seacole Trust, including Florence Nightingale Museum, Black Cultural Archives and the Shakespeare Globe Theatre.



Shortlisted entrants of each category, together with a responsible adult, will be invited to attend the Awards Ceremony at The UnderGlobe (Shakespeare Theatre), London, SE1 on 21 March 2024.

Winners and runners up of each category will be announced and prizes awarded.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

08
OCTOBER

Competition is open!

You'll be invited to register and apply for YSA2024 with joining instructions and requirements.

RESEARCH

Mary Seacole

There have been remarkable contributions by black people during over the centuries. Read Mary's story at: www.maryseacoletrust.org.uk/learn-about-mary/

08
DECEMBER

Reminders!

We will send reminders beforehand but this will be the final set of reminders for all schools to ensure entries can be submitted in time.

15
DECEMBER

Submission deadline!

All individual entries must be uploaded and received to us, by this date. Don't leave it too late!

09
FEBRUARY

Shortlisting finished and Invitations sent out!

The Mary Seacole Trust and our Youth Advisory Committee will shortlist by this date, and invite the youngster (and one accompanying adult) to the ceremony.

21
MARCH

Awards Ceremony!

Enjoy the glamour, music and entertainment at our Awards ceremony which will take place on THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024!

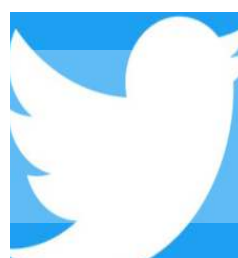
To be held at The UnderGlobe (Shakespeare Theatre), London, SE1 from 6:00pm.



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