



# SHORT STORY COMPETITION

## Information for teachers

In February 1971 Britain took the historic step of changing its coinage from pounds, shillings and pence to a decimal currency system, with 100 pennies to the pound, which we use today.

Known as decimalisation, this change impacted the entire nation, bringing people together as they learnt to master this new money.

It was also the start of a new chapter in the Royal Mint's long history, moving to a site in South Wales to cope with the demands of making billions of new coins.

The 50th anniversary of Decimal Day, or 'D-Day' as it became known, falls in February 2021 and, as part of this anniversary celebration, the Royal Mint Museum is hosting a short-story competition open to all year five and year six primary school pupils in Wales.

The winning story will be selected by guest judge and celebrated children's author, Eloise Williams. Prizes will be awarded to the winning author and to their school.

Visit the Royal Mint Museum website for frequently asked questions and information about decimalisation to help your students get inspiration for their stories.

[www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk](http://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk)

**Eloise Williams** is Children's Laureate Wales 2019-2021.

Her novels won Wales Arts Review Young People's Book of the Year 2017, the YBB Book Awards 2018, North East Book Awards 2019 and was shortlisted for the Tir na nOg Awards in 2018 and 2019.

*"I am thrilled to have been asked to judge this inspiring competition. I grew up very near the Royal Mint and have such wonderful memories of Llantrisant.*

*As Children's Laureate Wales I am very excited to encourage creative writing in young people and look forward to reading the stories."*



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## Information for pupils

Write a short story of no more than 500 words inspired by Decimal Day in 1971 and the change to decimal money.

Feel free to come up with your ideas for your story but here are some thoughts which might help inspire you:



What if coins could talk, what would they tell us?

What do you think decimal day was like for people using the new money for the first time?

Imagine you are a shiny, new, decimal coin. What sort of adventures might you have once you have left the Royal Mint?

Good luck!

Closing date for entries is  
**11 December 2020**

You can e-mail entries to  
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Or post to:  
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