

Entering the Making the News Competition

The Making the News (MTN) Competition 2006 is open to pupils and students from primary and secondary schools in England. Competition entrants will demonstrate their ability to create good news stories and publish them online via MTN.

- There are three age ranges and 10 categories in each age range, so 30 prizes are available in all.
- Entries are limited to one entry per category, per school, i.e. a maximum of 10 entries per school.
- Each entry must be the work of no more than five individual pupils.
- For full details of the competition, categories, prizes available, judging criteria etc. visit the competition website at <http://mtncomp.e2bn.net>.

The basic steps required to entered the competition are summarised below, however, if you are not familiar with using MTN it may be advisable to practise by submitting some normal MTN stories before you enter. Guidance is available from the **Making the News User Help Sheet** and **Making the News Admin Help Sheet**.

Registering your entry

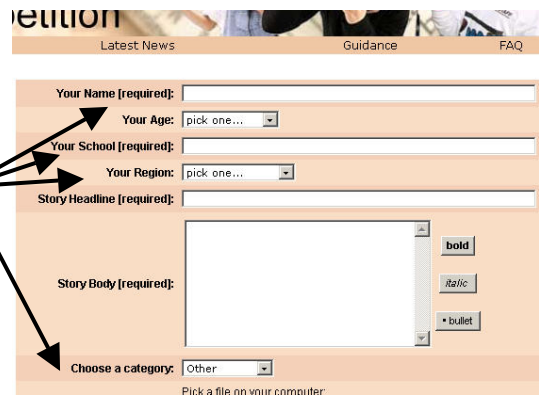
You must register for each category your school wishes to enter before the registration deadline of 30th November 2006.

- Get to the registration page by visiting the competition website at <http://mtncomp.e2bn.net> and then clicking on the "Step 2 - Register" link. Alternatively go directly to <http://mtncomp.e2bn.net/index.php?Itemid=3>.
- Complete the form for each entry you wish to make.
- If you want to enter each category you will need to complete and submit this form ten times, once for each category, listing the specific pupils (no more than five per entry) for each entry.

Submitting your entry

The general procedure for entering your stories into the MTN competition is similar to submitting normal stories to the main MTN website, as outlined in the **Making the News User Help Sheet**. Entries must be made between 1st and 16th December 2006.

- Entries will only be accepted if you have completed the registration process (above) for the category you are submitting to.
- Entries are made on the MTN competition site and not your school's MTN homepage. Go to http://kmi4schools.e2bn.net/mtn_competition/. This replaces the instructions on page 1 of the **MTN User Help Sheet**.
- The instructions for submitting a story can be found on page 2 of the **MTN User Help Sheet**. Please ensure you enter the correct Age, School, Region (E2BN) and Category.
- Moderation of stories is carried out by the MTN competition administrators so that step can be ignored.



The screenshot shows a web form for submitting a story. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Latest News', 'Guidance', and 'FAQ'. The form fields are as follows:

- Your Name (required):** A text input field.
- Your Age:** A dropdown menu with 'pick one...'.
- Your School (required):** A text input field.
- Your Region:** A dropdown menu with 'pick one...'.
- Story Headline (required):** A text input field.
- Story Body (required):** A large text area with a rich text editor on the right containing buttons for 'bold', 'italic', and 'bullet'.
- Choose a category:** A dropdown menu with 'Other' selected.
- Below the category dropdown is a link: 'Pick a file on your computer'.

Four arrows point from the text in the list above to the corresponding fields in the form: 'Your Name', 'Your Age', 'Your School', and 'Your Region'.