



England limited overs captain Eoin Morgan picked his six 'Create a Character' winners

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Winners of 'Create a Character' competition awarded with class set of tickets to ICC Men's Cricket World Cup matches

Six pupils across England and Wales have been rewarded for their winning entries in the 'Create a Character' competition with a class set of tickets to a match at this summer's showpiece event.

The 'Create a Character' competition was the second project within the ICC

Men's Cricket World Cup Schools Programme which is being delivered by the International Cricket Council (ICC), England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Chance to Shine. The Schools Programme is a core pillar in the plan to engage with one million young people between the ages of 5-12 in primary schools throughout England and Wales in the lead up to – and duration of – the tournament.

Over 1000 entries were received from schools across England and Wales, as pupils used their artistic and creative writing skills to pen a character description and show how their design embodied one of the six values of the Schools Programme: Teamwork, Respect, Dedication, Resilience, Creativity, Joining In and Having Fun.

There was a special judge on hand in the form of England's limited overs captain Eoin Morgan. Selecting six winners from a shortlist, Morgan selected:

1. Leo the Lion by Hugo, Year 5 at St. Dunstons Primary School

2. Peggy the Penguin by Mahi, Year 4 at Priorslee Academy

3. Elephant by Freya, Year 5 at Appleton Primary School

4. Anna by Alisha, Year 6 at Pinkwell Primary School

5. Asva the Wolf Cub by Eliza, Year 6 at St. Joseph's Primary School

6. Holly the Hornet by Eveie, Year 6 at St Luke's Primary School

Speaking about his responsibility as head judge, Morgan said: "This was a difficult task, as there were so many good entries! I felt the six winners stood out, and I hope each class enjoys the matches they attend."

"It's great to see so many schools taking part in the Programme, and it was evident to me when judging the brilliant entries how enthusiastic the children are about the projects and for the World Cup this summer. It is vital we use this summer to grow the game and engage younger people to get involved in the sport either through playing or through the educational Programme."

Head Teacher of St. Edward's School, Darren Clough, added: "The 'Create a Character' competition was fantastic. It was a brilliant classroom resource for me to use, but most of all the children had so much fun completing the project.

"The core messages of the Schools Programme are very much in line with the values and ethos of the school as they all set a clear expectation of how we should conduct ourselves in all aspects of life, not just cricket.

"They were able to learn more about the Cricket World Cup and the values associated with the tournament. I'm now looking forward to engaging with this term's projects and I'm sure my pupils are too."

All the pupils who entered the competition will be sent an official ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Schools Programme certificate.

As the programme moves to the next stages, there will be the introduction of a new competition as part of the 'Playground Pundits' project as children send in their best commentary attempts. The winners will not only receive a class set of tickets to an ICC Men's Cricket World Cup match but also a 'Venue Match Day Experience'.

Further information about the ICC Cricket World Cup Schools Programme can be found at: www.chancetoshine.org/cwc19

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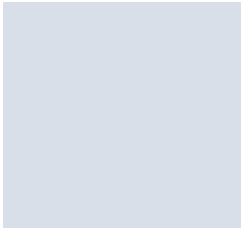
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