

2012

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

Children's Art Competition

New theme and additional medium of pastels for 2012

East Midlands in Bloom is an annual competition to encourage the improvement of our surroundings through horticultural excellence, community involvement, environmental friendliness and sustainability. Over 150 communities, villages, towns and cities take part each year. Through the Children's Art Competition we hope to encourage young people to develop a caring attitude and interest in their local environment.

NEW THEME

The theme for the 2012 competition is "*In Bloom*". This can include pictures of individual flowers, all the flowers on a plant, a border in the garden or flowers in a basket or other container. Pictures can be of 'blooms' in their natural setting or of flowers brought into the classroom, particularly if you do not have a garden at your school. Entries can include 'blooms' such as spring bulbs, blossom on trees, flowers on vegetable plants as well as any flowering plants.

Any out of school groups, such as Brownies and Cubs, may also enter. Children can also enter the competition individually if their school is not taking part.

We would like children to give their picture a title, (up to a maximum of seven words). This should be added to the entry form.

COMPETITION RULES

1. The competition is open to all school aged children and is divided into the following classes:

Class 1 – Reception, Years 1 and 2

Class 2 – Years 3 and 4

Class 3 – Years 5 and 6

Class 4 – Years 7 and above

Class 5 – Special Schools, all ages

2. The preferred size of entry is A3 (297mm x 420mm) and entries should be no smaller than A4 (210mm x 297 mm) and can be either portrait or landscape layout. The picture should fill a substantial proportion of the paper, particularly if using A4 sized paper.

3. Each picture must be a child's own unaided work and not a collaborative picture by more than one child. A pencil outline is acceptable as long as this is also the child's own individual work.

4. Paint or pastels must be used. Crayons, felt pens and collage or similar techniques will not be accepted and will not be judged.

5. For entries using pastels please use a suitable fixative spray and pack appropriately to avoid pictures becoming smudged while in transit.

6. A completed entry form must be affixed to the back of each picture. A child's name or their school must not appear on the front of the entry.

7. The judges' decision will be final and East Midlands in Bloom reserves the right to reproduce, in any form, the winning paintings without seeking individual permission.

8. No responsibility can be taken for loss or damage in transit or during judging.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

While we hope as many children as possible will take part, with the large number of schools in the region, we hope schools will help the judging process by selecting their best pictures to enter, although there is no restriction on the total number of entries that may be submitted.

CLOSING DATE.

The closing date for entries is **Friday, 8th June 2012.**

Please send entries to:

Mr. F Constable,
East Midlands in Bloom Art Competition,
16 Gisborne Crescent,
Allestree,
Derby DE22 2FL

If you would like your entries returned please make it clear that this is required and include a sufficiently large stamped, addressed envelope with your entry. Please ensure correct postage is affixed. We will endeavour to return requested artwork by the end of September but cannot guarantee return for any later requests.

THE WINNERS

The judges will award a prize and first, second and third certificates in each of the classes. The winners of each class will be invited to the East Midlands in Bloom Presentation of Awards on 12th September 2012 in Spalding, Lincolnshire and all the winning entries will be displayed at this event.

The winners will be contacted during the school summer holidays. Other certificates will be sent to schools after the Awards Ceremony. Presentations in school by "In Bloom" representatives can be arranged if you would like this to happen.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Please also consider entering our Children's Digital Photography Competition. Full details and entry forms can be found on the East Midlands in Bloom website:

www.eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk