

Dear Headteacher,

Primary Schools Competition 2022 Shrewsbury Flower Show

Theme: Time to Celebrate

We are delighted to invite your Primary School and pupils to be part of the famous Shrewsbury Flower Show, which returns in August 2022 after a two-year break. The schools and their pupils have always played an important part in the Show and we hope you will join in our Primary Schools' Competition this year.....

Instead of the Floral Train competition, we are offering schools a 1m x 1m raised bed in which you can create a showcase of what you currently grow at your school or make a statement on something you are passionate about as a school – the choice is yours! It is hoped that the raised beds will be displayed in groups around the Showground as part of a horticultural trail.

The beds will be judged, 1st Prize will be £150 and 2nd Prize £100

Every school that enters will receive a rosette for participating.

Competition Details:

- Plants to predominate (trailing to camouflage edge, colour to offset art).
- We will provide: a raised bed or trough 1m x 1m with border around to a height of approximately 15cm filled with sand, bark or similar.
- We would like you to provide a colourful/imaginative display of plants & art. The Art can be an ornament/model/container/sculpture made by pupils: size to be in keeping with size of bed/trough and not to overpower plants. It can be made in any medium e.g. wood, wire netting, clay, papier mache, used pots or bottles.
- Main theme is Time to Celebrate, but you could also incorporate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee or an environmental theme.

The exhibits can be set up from Wednesday 10th August and must be completed by 6pm Thursday 11th August.

If you would like to take part in this exciting new competition at this year's Shrewsbury Flower Show, please complete the attached form and return it to info@shrewsburyflowershow.org.uk by 21st May 2022. If you have any queries, please ring Julie on 01743 234055.

Planting Suggestions:

- Trailing Ivy to cover the edges of the raised bed.
- Branch with hanging ornaments under planted with a selection of plants (themes as before).
- How plants presented? In pots plunged in sand/bark etc.
- Sand covered with bark, gravel, slate or pebbles.

Colourful plants

- Verbena
- Million Bells
- Nepeta
- Geranium

- Busy Lizzy
- Petunia
- Snapdragon
- Marigold
- Nemesis
- Seeds or young plants
- Nasturtium

Foliage Plants

- Ivy
- Helichrysum
- Coleus

We look forward to helping your school inspire the gardeners of the future.

If you need help/advice, we are here to help.