

2023 Shrewsbury Flower Primary and Secondary Schools Competitions

Theme: Stage and Screen

We are delighted to invite your School and pupils to be part of the famous Shrewsbury Flower Show, in August 2023. The Schools and their pupils have always played an important part in the Show and we hope you will join in our Schools' Competition this year.

We were delighted with the response and the quality of the displays last year, so we are again holding the competition this year – Primary Schools a 1m x 1m raised bed and Secondary Schools a 2m x 2m raised bed in which you can create a showcase of what you grow at your school or make a statement on something you are passionate about as a school – the choice is yours!

The raised beds will be judged by this year's Celebrity Gardener, and a prize of £100 will be awarded to the winning school of each category.

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 1m x 1m or 2m X 2m 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 **Stage & Screen**, but you could also incorporate an environmental theme.

The exhibits can be set up from Wednesday 9th August and must be completed by 6pm Thursday 10th August.

If you would like to take part in this exciting competition at this year's Shrewsbury Flower Show, please complete the attached form and return it to info@shrewsburyflowershow.org.uk by 30th June 2023. If you have any queries, please ring 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
- Nemesia

- 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.