



Allianz Primary Schools Miniature Gardens

Primary schools are invited to produce a Miniature Garden at Allianz Garden Show Ireland 2018 which takes place 4 – 6 May 2018 at Antrim Castle Gardens.

Guidelines:

The Miniature Garden

- Participants are invited to create a small garden in a **container** using whatever materials, planting, decoration they wish.
- The Allianz Primary School Miniature Gardens will be on display at Allianz Garden Show Ireland 2018 at Antrim Castle Gardens 4 - 6 May 2018.
- The **theme** for 2018: Miniature Gardens should be based on a **Nursery Rhyme**.
- Containers can be anything! A bucket, an old basin, a pot, a watering can, a boot, a colourful jug, a painted tin – just whatever you can borrow, re-use or already have!
- Containers can be as small as you like but should be no larger than 90cm x 90cm. They must be easy to transport when finished (and fit into the boot of a car!).
- There is no maximum number of pupils or helpers who work to create the Miniature Garden and no restrictions as to the ages of participants. It is expected that the participants will consist mainly of students, but assistance may be sought from (e.g.) teachers, other staff or parents in the design and construction of the Miniature Garden.
- The Miniature Gardens will be created at your school. The finished Miniature Garden will be transported to the Allianz Garden Show Ireland site (see below under Timeframe).
- The Miniature Gardens will be displayed in the Allianz Primary School Miniature Garden area at the Show.
- Schools may wish to include a (weather-proof!) sign which identifies any key characteristics of their Miniature Garden and which can include photographs showing those involved and how the garden was achieved.

The Theme

- The theme '**A Nursery Rhyme**' can be interpreted in any way you like. The judges will be looking for imagination and creativity in your interpretation!
You may wish to base it on a whole rhyme, on a phrase or a few words, or just on an idea behind a rhyme. The choice is yours!

Timeframe

- The planning and creation time is left to each individual school to do as much or as little as they wish.
- Miniature Gardens should be ready for collection by **Tuesday 1 May 2018**. We shall organise the transport for you on that date. Joy at Garden Show Ireland will liaise with schools regarding details for pick-up.
- Containers may be removed by schools themselves from the Show after 6.30pm on Sunday 6 May 2018 (or you may prefer to do this on Monday 7 May).

Budget

- Each team may spend as much or as little on their miniature garden as they wish, as long as the total cost of items purchased does not exceed £50. It will be up to the imagination and creativity of participants to produce a Miniature Garden within that budget using materials that have been purchased, borrowed, donated, recycled or homemade.
- A discount on plants has kindly been offered to schools participants by one of our exhibitors at the Show, **Creative Gardens**. Creative Gardens have garden centres at Galgorm, Bushmills and Donaghadee. A voucher will be issued after your Garden Application is received.

Viewing by the Public

- The Miniature Gardens will be on show at Allianz Garden Show Ireland for the three days of the Show from 4 - 6 May 2018. Opening times are 10.00am-6.00pm each day.

Judging/Awards

- Miniature Gardens will be judged by a panel of Judges.
- Awards will be presented in the following categories:
 - Best Overall Allianz Primary School Miniature Garden
 - Best Interpretation of the theme
 - Most Creative
 - Best Design
 - Best Use of Re-cycled Materials
- Award winning schools will receive trees kindly donated by CAFRE Greenmount College.
- The Awards Ceremony will take place at 11am on **Friday 4 May 2018**. Participants are encouraged to attend as photographs will be taken of the winning participants.
- All participating schools will be invited in November 2018 to a presentation of the trees and a workshop at CAFRE Greenmount College where pupils will have the opportunity to learn more about planting.

Media Coverage

- We shall make every effort to maximise media coverage of the Miniature Gardens during the Show.

Safety and Supervision

- Each school is responsible for providing adequate and appropriate levels of supervision of its students while creating their Miniature Garden at school.
- Schools must also ensure that participants are given appropriate training and supervision in relation to the materials being used. Schools are also responsible for ensuring that students use personal protective equipment if needed.
- Garden Show Ireland is committed to ensuring a safe and pleasant environment for participants and visitors.

Queries

- More information at: <https://gardenshowireland.com/get-involved/schools-garden-challenge/>
- If you have any queries, please contact Joy at email: joy@gardenshowireland.com or telephone : 0044 (0) 7921 494274.