

IMPORTANT UPDATE

District Schools in Bloom 2020!

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, St Albans City and District Council has sadly decided to postpone the full District Schools in Bloom competition until 2021.

However, we will be keeping part of the competition open, which we hope will encourage children to engage with nature and take part in some outdoor and nature-related activities at home during this difficult time.

There are now three categories which are open for entries. Please, let us know if you wish to take part in the competition by **Friday 22 May 2020** at the latest.



As we will not be able to visit your school this year for judging, we would love the children to take photos of their work including before / during / after photos of their sunflowers and fruit / vegetables. Please send us photos of all your entries, along with your sunflower and fruit / vegetable measurements, to

greenspaces@stalbans.gov.uk by **Friday 18 September 2020**.

Prizes and certificates will still be awarded for the Winners and Runners Up, and goody bags will also still be given to all schools taking part!

Perhaps your school could also consider making a photo collage for each category entered! Please share these with us too, by **Friday 18 September 2020**!



Crafting Nature

Encourage the children to do some natural art at home and be a part of the *Hertfordshire Year of Culture 2020!*

We are looking for the most creative piece of artwork made entirely from natural materials.

Get creative and be inspired by nature!

For further details on the Hertfordshire Year of Culture 2020, please see:

www.creativehertfordshire.com/resources/year-of-culture-2020/

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Garden GIANTS!

Try growing some fruit and / or vegetables in your garden and see if you can grow any SUPER-SIZED ones!

The Winner will be the school that can grow the BIGGEST fruit and / or vegetables at home!

Please see below some tips on growing some garden giants!

www.thespruce.com/giant-vegetables-1403354



	jan	feb	mar	apr	may	june	july	aug	sep	oct	nov	dec
sow												
plant												
flowers												
cut back												

Why not grow some sunflowers at home! As well as being great for pollinators, Sunflowers will also be a sign of positivity during these difficult times.

Please see below some tips on growing sunflowers, from the Gardeners' World website:

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Other activities from home

(these are not part of this year's competition)

Ask the children to start thinking about ideas for next year's District Schools in Bloom competition! Perhaps the children could write down their ideas and / or draw pictures for the teachers to consider for next year's entries!

The categories will remain the same next year and will be:

- ▶ *Crafting Nature (*NEW*)*
- ▶ *Fabulous Flowers (including the optional Super Sunflower Challenge!)*
- ▶ *Scrapyard Scarecrow*
- ▶ *Vibrant Vegetables*
- ▶ *Water for Wildlife (*NEW*)*
- ▶ *Wonderful Wildlife*



For further information on wildlife gardening, and ideas for possible activities, please visit the following pages on the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust website:

Actions for Wildlife:

www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/actions

Wildlife Gardening:

www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife-gardening

Wildlife Watch:

www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/activity-sheets

*Why not also take part in the **Wild at Home** project, which is currently being run by the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust:*

www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/wildathome

CultureWood Forest School also has a number of outdoor / nature-related activities that you can take part in. See their Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/CultureWood





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