



OAT in Bloom

[OAT]
Ormiston Academies Trust
ACHIEVING MORE TOGETHER



2024 will see the 60th anniversary of Britain in Bloom. Over the years, Britain in Bloom has continued to bring people together, forged life-long relationships and enriched lives. The theme for this milestone year is 'friendship', and you are invited to get involved in an OAT competition, 'OAT in Bloom'.

The hope is that this event will inspire each OAT academy and their communities to make positive changes to their local environment through horticultural, environmental and community action.

This is an exciting time for all you green fingered students, staff, parents, and families to get gardening. Whether you are planting hanging baskets or raised planters, from vegetables patches to gardens, whatever you choose to grow and nurture, now is your time to shine.

Please submit evidence of your gardening project as photos to eco@ormistonacademies.co.uk.

- Each submission email should have the title 'OAT in Bloom'.
- Each submission must have the name of the person submitting. For pupils, please add age and year group.
- Each submission should include the academy name.

Deadline to submit is the end of the summer term 2024. Winners will be announced in **September 2024**.

Competition categories and requirements:

Best wild meadow

The goal of this category is allowing an area to return to nature and allow biodiversity to flourish.

Best garden design on paper

The goal of this category is to submit a garden designed on paper, fully annotated with a minimum of five labels explaining the garden design.

Most colourful display

The goal of this category is to create the most colourful planting display with the most impact

Best mini marvel

The goal of this category is to effectively utilise space and create a visual display of colour creatively with design and layout in a miniature space.

Best raised bed, container planting, including hanging baskets

The goal of this category is to effectively grow within raised beds, containers or in hanging baskets, being resourceful and eco-friendly in what is being used as containers

Best vegetable patch/fruit orchard/greenhouse

The goal of this category is to showcase the sustainability of food growing and its benefits for health and wellbeing.

Best community garden

The goal of this category is to develop an outdoor space that improves the local community/neighbourhood/friendship

Any questions please contact eco@ormistonacademies.co.uk.

