



## BBC Gardeners' World Live 2023 Health For Life Schools/ Nursery Wheelbarrow Competition- "*Meal in a Barrow*"

Welcome to BBC Gardeners' World Live 2023 Health For Life Schools/ Nursery Wheelbarrow competition.

The concept for this years wheelbarrow competition is a 'meal in a barrow'.

School/ nursery groups are encouraged to choose a specific meal from a country around the world to theme their wheelbarrow on. The plant contents of the wheelbarrow must reflect the main ingredients of this meal.

In addition to this, we would like school/ nursery groups to consider the pressing issue of global climate change and incorporate this into their wheelbarrow design- thinking particularly about ways in which the issue is being tackled around the world.

Your main contact for the competition will be Aneesah Davies, [aneesah.davies@tcv.org.uk](mailto:aneesah.davies@tcv.org.uk), or on **07801686019**.

**Please note due to the nature of this competition it is only open to Birmingham Health For Life schools.**

### Main dates:

- 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 4pm-5.30pm collection of wheelbarrows from Winterbourne House and Gardens. This will be a briefing including hints and tips of best planting results and will include all show information.  
Address: University Of Birmingham, 58 Edgbaston Park Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2RT
- 2nd May 2023, please submit the following to [aneesah.davies@tcv.org.uk](mailto:aneesah.davies@tcv.org.uk), this will be published on your signage at the Show.
  - Your plant list
  - Name of meal and country of origin
  - Rationale for choice of meal
  - A short explanation as to how climate change is incorporated into your design. This climate change element could be represented as a model structure or some narrative, which is attached to the wheelbarrow which demonstrates how climate change has a wider impact on food production and how it can be mitigated.

- 12th- 14th June 2023, collection of your barrow from the contact address you submit. Please have your barrow ready by 9am on 12<sup>th</sup> June
- 15th – 18th June 2023, Show open dates.
- 19th – 21st June 2023, barrows will be returned to the schools.



## SCHOOL/ NURSERY WHEELBARROW COMPETITION - “Meal in a Barrow”

The School/ nursery Wheelbarrow competition at BBC Gardeners’ World Live is an exceptionally popular annual feature at the show. School Children, from nursery up to secondary level can show off their creative flair, working as a team, with the satisfaction of seeing their final creations on display at the show, enjoyed by tens of thousands of visitors.

This competition is a simple, hands-on and fun gardening activity that can be enjoyed by pupils of all levels. The children will need to nurture and care for their plants, so that they grow and thrive in their container. Please note that due to the nature of this competition (specifically the collection/delivery of barrows) it is open to Health For Life schools in the **Birmingham, UK**, only.

Entry is free, and the school can keep their own barrow for future use

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### THE THEME –Meal in a Barrow

The theme for this year’s wheelbarrow competition is a ‘meal in a barrow’.

School/ nursery groups are encouraged to choose a specific meal from another country to theme their wheelbarrow on.

The plant contents of the wheelbarrow must reflect the main ingredients of this meal. The ‘title’ of your wheelbarrow will be the name of this meal followed by the country of origin. For example, ‘Paella- Spain’.

In addition to this, we would like school/ nursery groups to consider the pressing issue of global climate change and incorporate this into their wheelbarrow design. This may mean for example, selecting a meal that has a low carbon footprint due to local produce being used, and/ or,

you may wish to incorporate a climate mitigation structure within your design for e.g., construct a model wind turbine or solar panel. We are looking to see how the subject of climate change and strategies to mitigate it are being discussed and embedded within the curriculum.

School/ nursery groups are encouraged to grow plants from seeds or cuttings where possible. The barrow design can be supported by the creative use of props- which reflect the theme of a meal from a chosen country and the issue of climate change. We love seeing how the theme is interpreted each year so get creative with it! Please remember these props will need to be secured to stand weather at the show and collection.

The rationale you submit should explain the reasoning behind your selections and this will form part of the judging of the wheelbarrow.

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### APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMINGS

- **Applications:** by 28th February. Register your interest with [aneesah.davies@tcv.org.uk](mailto:aneesah.davies@tcv.org.uk) using the application form
- **Briefing session:** 9th March, 4pm- 5.30 at Winterbourne House and Gardens. Representatives from the Schools will be sent a map of location and can collect their wheelbarrow.
- **Submit plant list, name of country of origin, rationale for choice of meal and explanation of climate change consideration:** by 2nd May to [aneesah.davies@tcv.org.uk](mailto:aneesah.davies@tcv.org.uk)
- **Barrow collection:** 12th-14th June,
- **The Show:** open from 15th – 18th June inclusive
- **Returning the barrows:** 19th – 21st June



## THE AWARDS

There are three awards available for the highest scoring wheelbarrows at the show:

1. Best Nursery Wheelbarrow
2. Best Primary Wheelbarrow
3. Best Secondary Wheelbarrow
4. Public Choice (announced at the end of the Show, based on the public vote during the show open days)

**As well as the above awards, as a new introduction for 2023**, we will be awarding each participating school/ nursery group with a certificate, with a rating out of a possible five stars for their wheelbarrow entry.

### Wheelbarrows will be judged on the following criteria:

- Plant selection for a specific meal from a chosen country.
- Integration of climate change mitigations.
- Rationale explaining reasoning behind selections

The assessment panel is to be confirmed at the later date.

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## ADDITIONAL NOTES

Each school/ nursery will be given up to eight complimentary tickets for the school/ nursery setting, with the opportunity to purchase additional tickets.

The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) will take responsibility for the upkeep of the wheelbarrows at the Show.

You can contact the Show's Marketing & PR team at any time with interesting stories, photos or news about your entry which could be used in the Show's social media or in PR activity. Please email Sarah on [ssr@immediate.co.uk](mailto:ssr@immediate.co.uk)

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We cannot wait to see the creativity of your school and nursery children in their translation of the theme into their barrows.

Please get in touch with any queries as we're here to help. Contact Aneesah on **07801686019** [aneesah.davies@tcv.org.uk](mailto:aneesah.davies@tcv.org.uk)

**We hope you enjoy growing together.**



**GOOD LUCK!!**