

Pumpkin Garden Competition 2022

How will the competition Work?

All schools in the city and our Leicestershire Traded Service Schools will be given the opportunity to participate in the competition.

Each school participating in the competition will be provided with the same selection of pumpkin and squash seeds and a downloadable guide explaining how to grow pumpkins and squash. It is intended that the plants are started off in class and then grown in the school grounds in a designated area.

The competition will run through a series of stages:

1. Design your pumpkin garden
2. Plant your pumpkin seeds (indoors)
3. Move pumpkins into the garden
4. Harvest your pumpkins
5. Cook using your pumpkins (or another one if yours hasn't gone to plan!)
6. Dispose of pumpkin shells in a sustainable way
7. Prepare report to show journey of the pumpkins

In **November 2022**, schools will be asked to submit a selection of photos and a brief report (which can be done by the students) of their garden which shows the evolution of your garden from planning and planting to cooking and eating and final disposal of your pumpkin shells. There is report template provided as part of the downloadable guide if you would like to use it. As part of the competition, you are encouraged to design the garden on a theme of your choice.

The winners of the competition will be the schools that demonstrate the fullest understanding of the lifecycle and uses of pumpkins, as judged by a panel of growers.

There will be prizes for first, second and third place.

As part of the competition, we will be providing information about composting and recipes with support from Carryoncomposting.com.

We will have a training session on **Thursday 19 May 2022**, 4.00-5.30pm to go through the competition and provide support with the development of your pumpkin garden.

We'll send out pumpkin seeds by the end of May 2021.

Book your school's place via this [eForm](#) as soon as possible to confirm. Any questions please email GrowYourOwnGrub@Leicester.gov.uk. Please sign up no later than Friday 8 April 2022.

