

## Junior Classes in the Horticulture Section at the 2023 Royal Welsh Show

The role of the modern Royal Welsh Agricultural Society is a rounded one. As well as its principal function of showcasing the cream of Welsh livestock and the high quality food and drink produced in Wales, it also has a well-established and vibrant Horticulture Marquee. As horticulture is one of the Society's key objectives, we are always keen to promote horticulture and to this end we want to encourage more young growers to get involved. With schools introducing horticulture into their curriculum and setting up gardening clubs, we felt that now was the right time for re-vamping the Junior Section for the 2023 Show. As well as those classes that are already established, a number of new classes will be added to the schedule.

Entries can be done online when the Horticulture Schedule is available in early March. You can either email to request a copy or visit our website to get the link.

### ATODLEN YMLAEN-LLAW / ADVANCE CLASSIFICATION ADRAN IEUENCTID / SECTION SCHEDULE

#### **DOSBARTH/CLASS 123 – G2130**

<i>Tâl Ymgeisio/ Entry Fee</i>	-	no entry fee		
<i>Gwobrau/Prizes</i>	-	1 <sup>st</sup> £5	2 <sup>nd</sup> £3	3 <sup>rd</sup> £2

Unless otherwise stated, each class will be open to individuals only, and have separately judged sections for Primary and Secondary School age exhibitors.

primary school eligibility = attending primary school in school year 2022-23

secondary school eligibility = attending secondary school in the school year 2022-23  
and not exceeding 16 years in that school year.

#### **4 – 11 years of age (Primary School)**

##### **Dosbarth/Class**

##### **123. "A MINIATURE GARDEN"**

To be staged within a maximum area of 45cm x 45cm – a chance to use your imagination or Google "children's miniature gardens" for ideas.

**Prize money kindly supported by Mrs Anne George.**

##### **124. 'DEPICT AN ANIMAL OUT OF MAINLY VEGETABLES AND/OR FRUIT' - again, a chance to use your imagination – or for inspiration Google "vegetable animals".**

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##### **125. 'ONE VASE OF FIVE STEMS OF MIXED SWEET PEAS'**

Vase will be provided.

**Prize money kindly supported by Mrs Amanda Burton.**

**126. 'A VEGETABLE GROWN IN A POT'**  
Pot not exceeding 15cm.  
**Prize money kindly supported by Mr & Mrs Allan Evans.**

**127. 'A VASE OF CUT GARDEN FLOWERS & FOLIAGE'**  
Vase provided by exhibitor.

**\*\*New Classes\*\***

**128. GROW A PEANUT PLANT** (use fresh peanuts in their shell to get individual peanuts to plant) Plant in April/May indoors to have plant ready for the Show.

**129. GROW AN "EXOTIC" PLANT** e.g., pineapple top, ginger root, date seed, avocado seed. Start growing them early in the New Year to be ready for the Show.

**130. Make A Bug Hotel** - no larger than 20 x 15 x 10cm (Google "make a bug hotel" if you need ideas).

**131. PRESSED LEAVES OF 6 NAMED TREES OR SHRUBS** displayed on A4 sheets of paper in a folder.

**132. DRAW A BEAN** - grow a broad bean from seed in a clear glass jar lined with kitchen paper and draw the seed/growing plant weekly until the shoots is about 10cm long.

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141. **PRESSED LEAVES OF 10 NAMED TREES OR SHRUBS** displayed on A4 sheets of paper in a folder.
142. **DRAW A BEAN** - grow a broad bean from seed in a clear glass jar lined with kitchen paper and draw the seed/growing plant weekly until the shoots is about 10cm long.

## **School Competitions**

### **Decorated Wheelbarrow – open to Primary Schools Only**

2023 theme – ‘Rainbow’. Judging Criteria available on request based on theme, design, plant quality and evidence of pupils’ contribution.

### **Illustrated Diary of Our School’s Gardening Club – open to any School (Primary or Secondary)**

More information on the schools competitions will be available in February.

## **TOP TIPS FOR EXHIBITORS!**

### **Growing “Exotic” Plants on a Window Ledge**

#### **Pineapple:**

Doesn’t always work – but you can always eat the pineapple!

- Choose pineapple with good central leaves
- Cut or twist off the crown of leaves
- Clear any flesh from stem – to prevent rot
- Remove some lower leaves to expose stem
- Leave to dry for 2 days
- Either suspend/stand in water or plant directly into gritty soil
- Water method:- support crown in jar of water, put in light warm position – window ledge ideal especially a bright humid bathroom window
- Rooting (if successful!) in 2 to 5 weeks



## Ginger Root

- Buy a piece of fresh ginger root
- Soak overnight
- Cut into 2 – 5 cm lengths – leave cuts to dry
- Plant 5cm deep in good well drained compost
- Place in a warm (frost free) shady window
- Keep moist but not wet
- Sprouts in 5-6 weeks – matures after several months.



## Date Seed

- Remove stone (seed) from date, wash clean
- Soak at room temperature for 2 days
- Replace water each day
- Fold in to damp kitchen towel and place towel + dates in a sealed poly bag or sealed plastic container
- Put in airing cupboard or other warm place for 2 weeks
- Plant germinated seeds white shoot up in sandy soil, 5cm deep 5cm from pot edge Water to keep damp – not wet!
- (Need to wait 8 years for date palm to fruit!!)

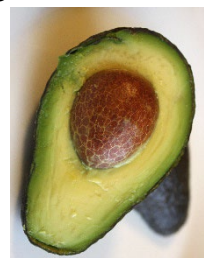


## Orange, Lemon, and Grapefruit Seeds

- Not a class for these but they are fun and easy to grow. Simply plant seeds in potting compost keep pot warm and moist on window ledge and wait a few weeks for germination

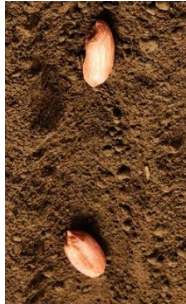
## Avocado Seed

- Open avocado carefully without damaging seed
- Pull out seed, rinse clean in warm water
- Insert 3 toothpicks equally halfway up seed
- Suspend over bowl of water so base of seed is wet
- Put on sunny window to sprout
- When roots established plant in soil with top of seed visible
- Keep moist in a sunny location



## Growing Peanuts

- Take fresh peanuts in their shells, can be planted in their shells or as individual seeds (but don't damage the outer pink skin.)
- Plant indoors on window ledge in April/May in a pot of sandy soil
- After flowering they put stems down into soil
- After the Show they can be planted in the garden
- Others can be planted outside after frosts – harvest September / October
- If you get hooked on growing peanuts they come in pink, red, black, and striped varieties.



## To Press Leaves:

- Put double layer of absorbent paper (kitchen roll) on a piece of thick cardboard and arrange the dry leaves
- Cover leaves with more absorbent paper and put another layer of thick cardboard on top.
- Put heavy weight (house brick or similar sized stone on top and leave in warm dry place for 2-3 weeks or until dry (change paper if moist)
- Carefully arrange leaves on A4 sheet of paper (heavier weight the better e.g., 100gm, use dabs of glue to fix leaves to paper, add name of tree, when and where the leaf was collected

**Set up for  
“Draw a Bean”  
class**

