

Poster Competition

Focus on fungi

Most of us are familiar with the fungus that produces red and white spotted toadstools but just how many other types of fungi can you think of? Scientists think there are over 5 million different types of fungi on our planet! Fungi live in many types of habitat including in the soil, the water and inside other living things...even inside us! But what do they do?

This September we are inviting schools to enter a poster competition all about fungi. We will display the entries at this year's UK fungus day event which takes place at the **Norwich School in the Cathedral Close on Sunday 12th October**. We will be awarding 1st place and runner up prizes to posters in key stage 2, 3 and 4, judged by our panel of fungi experts.

Posters must focus on **ONE** fungus that has helped us **OR** causes harm. For example, some fungi are the source of medicines like penicillin while others cause diseases like athlete's foot. Some fungi affect our environment in good ways like recycling nutrients to keep plants growing but others cause diseases that kill plants such as dieback disease in ash trees. Of course, some fungi are simply just good to eat while others can poison us!

Your task

Make a poster no bigger than A3 size to inform your classmates about **ONE** fungus of your choice. The poster must include the Latin name of your chosen fungus, e.g. *Amanita phalloides*, and a description of its helpful or harmful properties and the features which enable it to cause the effects you describe.

What makes a good poster?

An eye-catching design, simple layout and strong images attract attention. Choose a title, maybe in the form of a headline in a newspaper article. Use small amounts of text big enough to read from 2-3 metres away, using short sentences and words that your classmates will understand. Include diagrams, photographs (including your own, where possible) and tables of data.

Use your own words. Use only reputable websites for your research as some may not be accurate (for tips on using the internet see www.open.ac.uk/webguide). Put your name, age and school on the back of your poster and send to: John Ingham BA (Hons), Master of the Lower School, Norwich, Lower School, Bishopgate, Norwich, NR1 4AA

Closing date: 28 September 2014