

# GARDENING COMPETITION



*On the 29th of May 2024, the gardening club went to Trinity Park for a gardening competition and this is what we did.*

*First, we had to wake up at 8 o'clock in the morning and walk to school. When we got to school, we choose our partners for the trip. I chose Scarlett and we both put our seat belts on and on we went. As soon as we got there, we had to safely get to the checkouts. After that, we tried to find the blue village where are gardening club container was.*

*We then looked around the other 22 schools gardening containers. We memorised all our plants we planted so we could tell the judges later. In our container we planted radish, pepper, tomato, beans, bronze fennel, marigold, black grass, wheat, sweet peas, wild peas, pansies, petunias, curry plant, sunflowers*

*and finally strawberries. For added decoration we made a torch, running track, Eiffel Tower and finally a growing hammer made out of Irish leaves. If you can guess our theme, was the France Olympics.*

*After that, we talked to the judges about our gardening container. We talked all about what we made the ground with. The bottom layer was filled with carboard because it is good for the plants as it helps keep moisture in the container. Then, around the outside of the container, we put stone to help the moisture grow. Next, we put mole hill soil as it is the best soil to grow plants in, also it is recycling it. Finally, we told the judges all the plants we put in it.*

*1 minute later, we walked over to the flower garden where we looked at all the different plants. We saw stalls where they had competed. There was one stall which looked like a jungle with all the big trees, bushes and flowers. Also, there was a bit where there was compost, dirt and grit, there were all different types. Furthermore, there was a competition going on as well. One of the stalls competing had bonsai trees on it. They looked so good. We went past a sea life gardening bit where they made a turtle out of flowers, they were still doing it when we got there. The display was made out of tissue paper. We walked out and then we went into the bunny show tent where we saw loads of cute bunnies. Happily, we got to stroke the bunnies. Remembering to wash are hands, we walked out of the tent.*

*After that, we had a snack then walked around Trinity Park. We played guess how many nails there are, bean bag throwing, big Jenga and the wheel of doom. Then happily, we chose loads of freebies and we made a tile. Hungrily we had lunch. 10 minutes later, we got some more freebies then went into the*

*nature area. There we did pond dipping and bee watching. Finally, we walked over to where they were going to announce the scores...*

*Joyfully, we waited for the announcement we came GOLD! Yay we went home so happy GREAT DAY EVER. I was so exhausted.*

*By Bethany (year 4)*

## Gardening competition

*On Wednesday the 29th of May 2024 we went to Trinity Park for a gardening competition and this is what we did.*

*First, we had to get to school at 8 '0 clock or else we would be late. We choose where we sat on the minibus, put our seatbelt on then off we went. I sat next to Bethany.*

*At Trinity Park, we parked in row 18 and went through the entry. Once we walked past the entry there was a giant field where tractors and harvesters were moving in a circle and 2*

people telling us facts. Then, we walked round to our gardening box.

Once we got to our plant box, we stapled down some pictures that the whole school drew. Then we had a look in a book which showed the progress that we had made to get up to this point. The theme was Olympics. We memorised the plants that we grew. We grew strawberries, sunflowers, pansies, petunias, wild peas, peas, beans, marigold, curry plant, bronze fennel, black grass and wheat. We also made some decorations like a boat made out of iris leaves, Eiffel Tower, the holder of the Olympic torch and the Olympic torch. Then we looked around at the other schools (there were 22 other schools by the way). Then, the judges came to look at ours. I started off by talking then Oscar then Bethany then Phoebe.



First, we went to the rabbit hut which was crowded because it just started raining. Inside there were a ton of rabbits and there was even a table covered in a soft tablecloth where we could pet some of the rabbits (they were so cute).

Once it stopped raining, we went to a gigantic tent. There was another competition going on in there. There was even a cafe with outdoor seating. Anyway, back to the competition. In the

competition was a bonsai bit, poisonous plants and much more that I forgot. There was an underwater bit that wasn't in the competition but if it was it should come first.



Then we went to the chicken hut which had barely anything to do with chickens. On the right wall where you



walk in and a little bit round the corner are lots of photos of different types of chickens. Next to the wall were two cages with guinea pigs. Me and Max tried to feed the guinea pigs with straw in the cage.

Next, we looked around the stalls and got hundreds of free stuff. There was one stall where you picked a record player and three colours, then you sat on a bike with a spinning wheel on the front (the bike did not move). You had to push the pedals which made the spinning wheel move. There are too many stools to explain them all.

Then we had lunch (the best part, just kidding) we sat down next to the gigantic tent. Mrs Mansfield gave us all a packet of biscuits (the packets only had 8 in them).

Next, we went to the wildlife area where we did pond fishing where you had to get a net then see if you could get some pond bugs. Round the corner, was a hut where you get a net, push it through the plants then see what bugs you got. Mr Crane was looking for his glasses that he thought he lost when they were in his pocket!

Then we looked around the stalls again and there was an archaeologist stall where there was a sand pit and you had to dig to find beads, stones and coins.

After that, there was another competition but this one wasn't about plants, it was about chopping wood as fast as you can and climbing trees. Then there was a horse race (but the horses were just running in a circle).



Then, we went back to our plant box to see who the winners were. The judges did last to first. We got gold. There were three gold awards given out and we got the 1st one which meant 3rd. Next year's theme is favourite book.

By Scarlett (year 4)