Schools

Our schools section has many classes designed specifically for schools and care homes to enter. There is a wide and varied range of classes available.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 11th April 2025

Due to the number of entries each year, items exhibited MUST be collected between 4.30 and 6pm on Saturday of the show - after this time, items will be discarded as we do not have any storage facilities.

County Antrim Agricultural Association reserves the right to amalgamate or split classes according to the number of entries.

enter and pay online at:-
https://showingscene.com/organisation/ballymena-show

or send paper entries and payment to:-
Show Secretary, County Antrim Agricultural Association, Ballymena Showgrounds, 30 St Patrick's Link, Town Parks, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, BT43 7FU

Photographs of school cup winners will take place at 3.45pm - could all cup winners ensure they attend the home industries area at this time
31/05/2025 08:30

Homes Section

Kindly sponsored by Stirling Trophies
This section is open to all residents of nursing, residential homes and day centres
All entries to be brought to the home industries stand on Thursday 29th June from 2pm - 6pm
Individuals own work, no groups
Entry fee: 30p per entry
Prize Money : 1st £5, 2nd £3, 3rd £2

The Ballymena Medical Supplies Trophy is presented to the home/care centre gaining the most points in classes 68 - 71 based on 1st - 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point
Ring: home industries area

Judges

Jackie McNeill (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
64	Coloured In Picture - Templates Provided By Show	
65	Any Painting - Any Medium - Framed Or Unframed	will be judged on artwork only
66	Any Craft Item - Any Medium	
67	A Wedding Invitation Card	

Schools Craftwork Section

All entries to be brought to the home industries stand on Thurs 29th May from 2pm - 6pm
Classes confined to school children only
Identification of exhibitor must not be displayed on the front of any exhibit
All schoolchildren can enter either via their school or on their own but pupils must be from the stated class restriction
Entry Fee: 30p per entry

The Janes Kitchen Cup will be awarded to the school gaining the most points in classes 68 - 100 based on 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point
The Kennedy Trophy will be awarded for the best article in ceramics
Prize Money: 1st £5, 2nd £3, 3rd £2
Ring: home industries area

Judges

Linda Brooks (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
68	A Decorated Wooden Spoon - Key Stage 1	
69	An Upcycled Object - Key Stage 2	
70	An Original Lego Model, Not From a Kit - Key Stage 1	
71	A 3D Animal Made Out Of Toilet Roll, Egg Boxes or any other material - Key Stage 2	
72	Collage Of A Butterfly - Using Paper/Sweet Wrappers - P1 and P2 only	A4 landscape- mounted on paper or card
73	A 3D Home Made From A Cereal Box - P3 Or P4 Only	
74	Any Article In Ceramics - P5, P6 or P7 classes only	
75	Any Small Craft Item - P1 Pupils Only	
76	Any Small Craft Item - P2 Pupils Only	
77	Any Small Craft Item - P3 Pupils Only	
78	Any Item Depicting An aspect Of "The World Around Us" - P4 Pupils Only	
79	Any Item Depicting An Aspect Of "The World Around Us" - P5 Pupils Only	
80	Any Item Depicting An Aspect Of "The World Around Us" - P6 Pupils Only	
81	Any Item Depicting An Aspect Of "The World Around Us" - P7 Pupils Only	

Schools Artwork

All artwork and hand writing entries to be brought to reception, Ballymena Showgrounds on Friday 16th May before 5pm and placed in the entry box marked school entries
Classes confined to school children only
Identification of exhibitor must not be displayed on the front of any exhibit and names should only be written on the back
Individuals own work, no groups
All schoolchildren can enter either via their school or on their own but pupils must be from the stated class restriction

All work to be mounted on card or paper unless using canvas

Entry fee = 30p per entry
Prize Money - 1st = £5, 2nd = £3, 3rd = £2
Ring: home industries area

Judges

Jane McCullough (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
82	Painting Entitled "People Who Help Us Or My House" - P1 Pupils Only	A4 Portrait
83	Crayon/Oil Pastel Painting Entitled "An Underwater Scene Or My Favourite Animal" - P2 Pupils Only	A4 Landscape
84	Painting Entitled " On The Farm Or An Endangered Animal" - P3 Pupils Only	A4 Landscape
85	Painting Entitled "Dinosaurs Or Wildlife" - P4 Pupils Only	A4 Landscape Or Portrait
86	Any Medium - Entitled "Space Or My Favourite Season" - P5 Pupils Only	A4 Landscape
87	Painting Of A Local Landmark Or A Person From History - P6 Pupils Only	Any Medium A4 Portrait Or Landscape
88	Any Medium - Entitled "After The Storm" Or Design A Book Cover - P7 Pupils Only	A4 Landscape

Schools Writing Section

All writing entries, in their classes to be brought to Reception, Ballymena Showgrounds on Friday 16th May before 5pm and placed in the entry box marked school entries
Classes confined to school children only.
Identification of exhibitor must not be displayed on the front of the exhibit and names should only be written on the back.
Individuals own work - no groups
All schoolchildren can enter either via their school or on their own, but pupils must be from the stated class restriction
Entry fee: 30p per entry
Prize money: 1st £5, 2nd £3, 3rd £2

All work to be mounted on card or paper
Ring: home industries area

Judges

Kathleen Thompson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
89	A Piece of Writing Entitled "Good Fun" Or "My Favourite Animal" - P4 Pupils Only	A4 Portrait Single Side Only
90	A Piece of Writing Entitled "Once...." Or "Let Me Tell You About My Friends" - P5 Pupils Only	A4 Portrait Single Side Only
91	A Piece of Writing Entitled "School" or "Patch The Farm Dog" - P6 Pupils Only	A4 portrait Single Side Only
92	A Piece Of Writing Entitled "Northern Ireland" or "My Dreams" - P7 Pupils Only	A4 Portrait Single Side Only

Schools Poetry Section

All writing entries to be brought to reception, Ballymena Showgrounds on Friday 16th May before 5pm and placed in the schools entries box
Classes confined to school children only
Identification of exhibitor must not be displayed on the front of any exhibit and should be written on the back
Individuals own work - no groups
All schoolchildren can enter either via their school or on their own, but pupils must be from the stated class restriction
All work to be mounted on card or paper
R & C Graphics Shield will be awarded for the best overall poem
Entry fee: 30p per entry
Prize money: 1st £5, 2nd £3, 3rd £2
Ring: home industries area

Judges

Kathleen Thompson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
93	An Acrostic Poem Using The Word "Summer"	P5 pupils only, A4 portrait, single side only
94	An Poem Entitled "Feelings"	P6 pupils only, A4 portrait, single side only
95	A Poem Entitled "Imagine"	P7 pupils only, A4 portrait, single side only

Schools Handwriting Section

Kindly sponsored by L. Whyte Kitchens
All writing entries to be brought to reception, Ballymena Showgrounds on Friday 16th May from before 5pm and placed in the schools entries box
Classes confined to school children only
Identification of exhibitor must not be displayed on the front of any exhibit
Individuals own work - no groups
All schoolchildren can enter either via their school or on their own, but pupils must be from the stated class restriction
Entry fee: 30p per entry
Prize Money : 1st £5, 2nd £3, 3rd £2
Ring: home industries area

Judges

Betty Blair (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
96	Handwriting - "Thank You" by Roger Stevens	Portrait - P3 Pupils Only
97	Handwriting - "Eight Tentacles" by Julia Donaldson	Portrait - P4 Pupils Only
98	Handwriting - "Guinea Pig" by Julia Donaldson	Portrait - P5 Pupils Only
99	Handwriting - "The River" by Valerie Bloom	Portrait - P6 Pupils Only
100	Handwriting - "The Sound Collector" by Roger McGough	Portrait - P7 Pupils Only

Special Schools Section

Kindly sponsored by Francis Dinsmore Ltd
All entries to be brought to the Home Industries Stand at Ballymena Cattle Market on Thursday 29th May from 2pm - 6pm or baking, if desired, can also be brought on Friday 30th from 10am - 12 noon
Classes confined to pupils of special schools only
Identification of exhibitor must not be displayed on the front of any exhibit
Individuals own work - no groups
Entry fee: 30p per entry
Prize money: 1st £5, 2nd £3, 3rd £2

The Secretaries Trophy will be awarded to the special school gaining the most points in classes 101 - 113 based on 1st = 3points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point
Ring: home industries area

Judges

Jean Clarke (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
101	Any Painting/Drawing - Key Stage 1	A4 Mounted Landscape or Portrait
102	Any Painting/Drawing - Key Stage 2	A4 Mounted Landscape or Portrait
103	Any Painting/Drawing - Key Stage 3	A4 Mounted Landscape or Portrait
104	Any Small Craft Item - Key Stage 1	
105	Any Small Craft Item - Key Stage 2	
106	Any Small Craft Item - Key Stage 3	
107	Any Group Project (max size 24" x 24") - Key Stage 1	
108	Any Group Project (max size 24" x 24") - Key Stage 2	
109	Any Group Project (max size 24" x 24") - Key Stage 3	
110	Any Painting/Drawing - Key Stage 4/5 - A4 Mounted - Any Medium	Landscape or Portrait
111	Any Craft Item - Key Stage 4/5	
112	A piece of Writing Entitled " My Day" - Key Stage 4/5	A4 Portrait One Side Only Mounted
113	Four No Bake Tray Bakes	
114	Any Greeting Card	

Nursery/Play Schools Section

All entries to be brought to the home industries stand at Ballymena Livestock Market on Thursday 29th May from 2pm - 6pm
Classes confined to pupils of nursery/play groups/schools only
Identification of exhibitor must not be displayed on the front of any exhibit
Individuals work only, no groups
Entry fee: 30p per entry
Prize Money : 1st £5, 2nd £3, 3rd £2

An award will be presented to the Nursery/Playschool gaining the most points in section 115 - 120
Ring: home industries area

Judges

Nanette Stewart (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
115	A Bird Feeder	
116	A Finger Or Hand Painting	A4 Portrait or A4 Landscape Mounted
117	A Paper Plate Animal Face	
118	A Group Project Of A Fairytale - maximum size 24" X 24"	
119	A Toilet Roll Person	
120	A 2D Flower Collage Created From Scrap Paper, Tissue Paper or Sweet Wrappers	