



Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Spring Flower Shows



Junior Groups Competition

3rd and 4th April 2021

Saughton Park, Edinburgh

To enter the competition you will need to enter **6 x1 litre pots.**

Each pot must contain 5 bulbs of dwarf daffodils such as *Tete-a-Tete* or *Jetfire*.

The competition is open to all nurseries, primary schools and junior groups (Brownies, Cubs etc)

Remember you will need to:

1. register the name of your school and the name of a contact person by e-mail to springshow@rchs.co.uk
2. bring the 6 pots for the competition to Saughton Park on **Friday 2nd April 2021**

A brief guide to bulb planting.

1. **Make sure you know which end is up!** If you plant bulbs upside down or sideways, they will still grow but are more likely to flower at different times. Look for the remnants of root at the base — that is the end that goes down.
2. **Fill your pot part way with compost** —so that when the bulbs are placed on the compost their tops are about 2.5cm (1 inch) below the rim of the pot.



3. **Space 5 bulbs in the pot** and lightly press the base of the bulbs into the soil to keep them standing straight. You can place bulbs in the centre of the group, not just around the edge. **Then cover the pots with more compost.**
4. Ideally you should plunge the pots in the ground (perhaps a raised bed in the school which has been used for growing vegetables etc) and cover with about 10cm of soil, compost. But this is not essential. Perhaps a pile of leaves in a corner of the playground as long as you remember where they are. **The important thing is to keep them cool and in the dark!**
5. In Mid to late February: Remove pots from their winter quarters The shoots will probably be yellow if kept in the dark but they will turn green when exposed to the light in a week or two. Stand the pots in trays to allow easier watering and make sure your pots don't dry out.
6. If any of your pots appear to be developing flowers too quickly keep them in a cool shaded area.
7. Flower stems and foliage may need to be tied to stakes to keep them growing straight.
8. You may notice that pot grown stems tend to grow towards the sun. To counteract this turn your pots 90 degrees clockwise each day.

Frequently asked question:

- **What sort of compost should I use?** Any general compost can be used. Although some of the prize blooms you will see at the main Caley show may have had the benefit of a little light feeding, this is not essential and many prize winning pots will succeed without it.



Do enter and encourage children to visit the shows – there are also individual classes for children and young people.

Artwork for display at the Show is welcome. All being well, the junior group display will be located in the conservatory at Saughton Park.

