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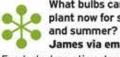
What can I plant to keep caterpillars off my cabbages?

I want to use companion planting away from my

Cabbages are appealing to sacrificial crop. They attract cabbage white butterflies to lay their eggs on them to keep the crawly ones off the nearby to mask the scent of crops and repel flea beetles.

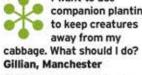


Which bulbs will



be planted until November. Allium aflatunense will be happy in a sunny spot and flowers in spring. Summerflowering hyacinths, which bring colour and fragrance.

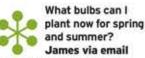
Sow microgreen seeds in containers on your windowsill. Keep them moist and they'll be ready to harvest in a week for a burst of flavour.



white caterpillars, but you can plant nasturtiums nearby as a brassicas. Mint can be planted



light up my beds for next season?



For dark, dramatic colour in spring, Fritillaria persica can For pink-purple tones and an incredible onion-garlic scent, you can dig in now, have bellshaped white flowers that will

across the country. This year has been no different. despite the coronavirus lockdown having particularly impacted schools.

I'm also revealing the Judges' Choice and Public Vote winners of the Gro Your Best category, for which our fantastic sponsor, Miracle-Gro*, gifts bags of compost to commu-

'm unveiling more of our incredible

Cultivation Street 2020 winners.

and this week I can reveal which

great schools have made the grade.

The Best School Garden category

is always hotly contested, with

hundreds of fabulous entries from

nity and school gardens. With the majority of UK schools closed for months to pupils apart from key workers' children, we were blown away by their entries.

The judges loved reading about how enthusiastic pupils were to keep the gardens going. So let's see who finished top of the class:

Best School Garden

Winner 2020 Placed second in last year's comp- the space has become home to a large

etition, this year Linwood High School in Renfrewshire, has won the £1,000 top prize and a Miracle Gro® Hamper. Linwood is in a small, tight-knit

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town in the West of Scotland, and its garden was created in 2014 to help pupils connect with nature.

The garden is named after Craig Hepburn, a former pupil who was murdered aged 19. His parents do fundraising and support the project, which has the inspirational motto "To plant a garden is to

believe in tomorrow" It has become such an ingrained part of the school, spreading positivity throughout. Over the past few years,

greenhouse, six raised beds, imaginatively repurposed tyre planters and an outdoor classroom.

Told of their win, art and gardening teacher Lesley Hinde said: "I am very rarely short of words, but today was a fabulous exception.

"The saying, If you want to show a child a miracle, plant a garden' is so very true. It is genuinely the most positive thing you can do for a school. to build wonder and excitement into their daily lives.

Judges' verdict: The story behind the garden is just inspiring. We also loved that it was a secondary school showing such enthusiasm. It's sometimes hard

dedication and hard work has really shone through in this entry.

£1,000

Runners-up

Youngsters show how they have enthusiasm in spades for creating prize-winning

garden spaces

Second place, £750 and a Miracle-Gro Hamper, St Albans CE (Aided) Primary School, Hampshire; third place, £500 and a Miracle-Gro* Hamper, Damers First School, Dorset. Two highly commended schools, each receiving £250, are Craigiebarns Primary School, Dundee, Scotland, and Redwood Park Academy, Cosham, Portsmouth, Hants.

Gro Your Best Winners

This category looks for what it says in the title - and this year's winners have done just that. The public vote and to keep children engaged as they grow £500 winner is Craigiebarns Primary

Miracle-Gro' compost to fill brightly coloured raised beds and grow their own peas and potatoes to make into soup.

The judges' choice and winner of a Miracle-Gro" Hamper goes to Gardd Gymunedol Llannerchymedd Community Garden, North Wales, with the Eliseg Express.

The community garden is on the site of an old station yard, and a rusty old engine called Eliseg is the focal point.

The community spent a while deciding what to do with it, so they pulled together to see what could e achieved.

They knew they wanted to make it bright, colourful, and to primarily use lot of thought went into the project. older and become teenagers, but the School, whose pupils used their recycled items to complete the project. They really did grow their best.

The team planted some busy Lizzies, and filled containers to grow lettuces, climbing French beans, blackcurrants and clematis. They also assembled a very convincing scarecrow train driver, and grass was potted and placed into the chimney to look like smoke.

JUDGES' CHOICE Gardd dol Llannerchymedd Community Garden

It doesn't stop there - as there was also a self-watering system installed, made from recycled piping and an old plastic barrel.

Judges' verdict: This was exactly the type of display we were looking for. It's bright, it's creative and full of flowers and veggies.

We particularly liked that they used recycled materials, and it seems like a

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