**Denbighshire Creative Kids Challenges**

*Easy, fun, creative and healthy activities for Kids to Get Through COVID-19*

The fourth of our exciting **Denbighshire Creative Kids Challenges** launches today, whether you’re at home or at school in Denbighshire. Entry will be in three age categories - **up to 7 years**, **7 to 11 years** and **12-14 years**.

In an exciting new challenge, Denbighshire Healthy Schools and Curriculum Enrichment Initiative will help bring Denbighshire children and young people together through art, and unleash their collective creativity, as they live through COVID-19. We believe that art can be helpful in several ways - it can help us explore our creativity, inspire and make us smile and help us to discover who we really are. Art can help us connect with others and stop us feeling lonely when we’re stuck at home.

All of us at the moment spend a lot of time looking out through the window but what do we really see? We all have our own way of looking at the world outside and, after all, this is a special time of year - Spring is happening, springing away all around us out there and the new leaves are rustling away in the breeze.

**CHALLENGE NO 4 – ‘VIEW FROM MY WINDOW’**

We’ve chosen the theme **‘View From My Window’** as our challenge for you because it’s about something we’re doing a lot of at the moment; more than we could ever have imagined; looking out at the view has something important to teach us - not so much about what we happen to see but how we choose to look at it.

We want **YOU**, Denbighshire children and young people, to get involved and send us your art on the theme we’ve chosen for our challenge - **‘View From My Window’.**

Imagine you’re like a camera and that you have your own special lens in your head - your special way of looking at things. This can be affected by several things e.g. your feelings and emotions, what you’ve learnt from life so far and how you see yourself. We’re all special in our own way and this is one of the most important things about any artist. Just think, when you’re looking through the window, you have your own very special way of looking at the world outside that no one else can possibly have. Look through the window with only your eyes and show us what you see.

You may be one of those busy children who have already put really cheery, colourful paintings, drawings and messages in your windows during the lockdown. Streets have become like art galleries in a way, where people are showing one another what they think of the NHS or what’s going on during lockdown.

**Tips to help you start making art:-**

* Pencils, crayons, paints - anything to draw or colour with;
* Paper, card, cardboard - ordinary stuff in your house (some well-known artists even paint on old bits of wood);
* Have fun and mess about with the stuff you’ve got around you;
* Take time to stop, think, notice and enjoy the beautiful things around you.

**How to Enter**

If you’d like to enter our competition, please follow the **four** easy steps below:-

1. Send us any type of art including paintings, sculpture, drawings, and collages;
2. Take a photograph of your art;
3. If you’re under 18, ask a parent/guardian to submit your art by e-mailing it to sarah.dixon@denbighshire.gov.uk by **5pm** on **Monday 15 June 2020**;

4. In your e-mail, tell us very briefly:-

a) What is it about the view from your window that you like?

b) Give your artwork a title;

c) Tell us how you feel about creating art.

Entries will be judged by the creative team and winners will be announced via Twitter **@cyfoeth\_enrich** on **Friday 19 June 2020**.

**PRIZES:** The winner of each age category will be awarded a fun and fantastic complete Drawing, Painting & Colouring Art Kit.

For further details, please contact healthy.settings@denbighshire.gov.uk

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Entry to the challenges/competitions constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions.
2. By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these terms and conditions and Denbighshire Healthy Schools and Curriculum Enrichment Initiative reserve the right to exclude any entry from the challenges/competitions at any time and in their absolute discretion, if they have reason to believe that an entrant has breached these terms and conditions.
3. The theme for Denbighshire Creative Kids Challenge - **Challenge No 4** is ‘**View From My Window’**.
4. We want entrants to stay faithful to the spirit of the challenges/competitions.
5. **PRIZES: Challenge No 4: ‘View From My Window’ -** The winner of each age category will be awarded a fun and fantastic complete Drawing, Painting & Colouring Art Kit.
6. The overall winners of **Challenge No 4: ‘View From My Window’** will be announced via Twitter **@cyfoeth\_enrich** on **Friday 19 June 2020.**
7. Prize-winners maybe required to take part in reasonable post-competition publicity for Denbighshire Healthy Schools and Curriculum Enrichment Initiative and may be filmed, photographed or otherwise recorded by Denbighshire County Council for publicity and they consent to the use of their personal data for such purposes.
8. Denbighshire Healthy Schools and Curriculum Enrichment Initiative reserve the right to cancel these competitions/challenges or alter any of the rules, at any stage, if deemed necessary in their opinion and if circumstances arise out of their control.
9. Denbighshire Healthy Schools and Curriculum Enrichment Initiative will process your personal data, such as your name, age, school, etc, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.