



Health and Safety

While we want this to be the work of the child, there may be some projects that require adult supervision, particularly any that involve power tools.

Please discuss safety with your child.

Gordonton School Ag Day Friday 13 October 2023.

This year, if you are unable to enter a calf, lamb or goat in the Agriculture Club Section you will be able to enter any pet in the "My Pet Project" category - or create your own pet - for judging on the day.

Children may enter either the P1: Agriculture Club or the P2: My Pet Project events, plus 1 entry in as many other categories as they would like to (and parents are willing to cope with!).

Participation is entirely optional and not compulsory. Children will be asked to register their intended entries (online registration will be made available for this).

The purpose of Ag Day is to foster values of responsibility, commitment, effort and motivation, so whilst parents may encourage and support children with their projects, it is important that the projects are self-led & children do as much work as they can on their own. All work is to be completed at home/outside of school time over Term 3/Term 3 holidays, and will be brought to school prior to 12 October (with the exception of the baking!).

On Ag Day, all children who are not participating in Agriculture Club will create a nature art project in their classroom with materials brought from home for exhibition and judging late morning.

Parents will be encouraged to attend from midday to enjoy food stalls, view all the exhibits and participate in the auction & prizegiving.

For further updates, information & FAQs, we encourage you to follow the public Gordonton School Ag Day 2023 Facebook Event for updated information



MY PET SECTION

P1: Agriculture Club

Children rear and train a calf, lamb or goat & bring to school to participate in 3 different competitions. All children will receive at least one ribbon on the day. Cut off dates for ages of animals, and full details of what your child & their animal will be expected to do on the day will be emailed to you on request, and also set out on our Facebook Event page. All entries must be registered by the advertised cut off day - Keep an eye on the newsletter and other school media for this date.

P2: My Pet Project

Enter any pet (the definition of pet is wide - can include a snail or insect if you don't have a cat, dog, rabbit, bird etc!) via an A3 poster containing photos and written

information about the pet, such as its name/age/breed/how long its

been in the family, what you like doing with it, what you have taught it, how you look after it, its habitat etc. Content can be typed or handwritten. Judges will be awarding points for knowledge, connection and the care & responsibility you provide for your pet.

Year 7 & 8's - instead of or in addition to, the above Year 7 & 8 students may enter a short video (maximum length 2 minutes) of them interacting with their pet, demonstrating what they do with it and how they care for it. This video will then be handed in via Google Classroom.

P3: MY PET ROCK

Create & name your own pet rock. Creative accessories such as glitter, goggly eyes, pipe cleaners permitted.



P4: MY CONSTRUCT-A-PET

Construct your pet out of lego, play dough or building materials.



P5: MY PHOTO PET

Take a photo and present it in either black or white or colour, A4 or A3 size (mounted on card or framed optional), of your or someone else's favourite pet or animal. The photo may include just the pet/animal or the owner as well. Include a title/description of your photo.



P6: Redesign your old gumboot.

Do you have lots of old gumboots lying around? We would love to see you redesign them and show us what you would like gumboots to look like! This could be your old pair or your mums or dads.



P7:Construct your own farm in a shoebox

Grab an old shoebox and design your own farm for us to see.

Just make sure you keep it to a shoe box size.



MAKE, BAKE & GROW SECTION

P8: Grow a Grass Head or Egg Shell People



How much hair can you grow? Grow a Grass Head or create some Egg Shell People to win best head of the day! You may research and choose to grow whatever plant species you think will grow the best hair. If timing becomes an issue, (ie. the growing peaks before Ag Day!) photos of the Head/People at their prime may be entered alongside the actual plant on the day. An optional diary

(no more than 1 A4) setting out steps taken to grow the head may also be submitted.

P9: REUSED CREATIVE FLOWER CONTAINERS

See what flower plants you can grow in a creative container before Ag Day. You are welcome to research and plant your own flowers from seed, or use the flower seeds available at the office. Containers can be anything repurposed at home and may be painted & decorated in any theme you would like. Hint, these will need to be carefully cultivated inside in a warm sunny spot!



P10: THE GREAT BAKE OFF

Make and decorate in any spring, rural or animal theme, one of the following:

- 7 cupcakes (can be decorated all the same or different)
- 7 cookies
- 1 cake



Cookies and cupcakes will be judged on taste and presentation, with the remaining 6 being auctioned in a silent auction.

Cakes will be judged only on presentation and auctioned after judging.





NATURE ART SHOW

On Ag Day, each child not participating in the Agriculture Club event will create a nature art piece in their classroom with materials they have brought from home. Creations will be judged on effort, creativity and presentation, and will be available for parents to view in the afternoon.

Year 0/1/2 - Sand Saucer



Bring a saucer or paper plate and flowers/leaves to create a sand saucer. A few small "garden themed" accessories such as stones, fairies or butterflies are permitted if you would like to create a themed saucer. Sand will be provided at school.

Year 3/4 - Novelty Container



Bring a novelty container (eg. Gumboot, teapot, toy etc) or a container (eg. ice cream or yogurt container) you have decorated at home, and create a flower arrangement inside it.



Year 5/6 - Miniature Scenes



Bring a tinfoil BBQ/roasting dish* or lipped tray (no bigger than a standard roasting tray) and create a miniature garden, habitat or landscape inside it. Accessories such a mini buildings, animals, stones, fairy lights etc are all permitted.

*These can be purchased from \$2 shop or supermarket.

Year 7/8 Terraniums or miniature scene



Create a scene or arrangement within a large clear glass vase or jar. Bring different fillers such as coloured sand/stones/moss etc to create different layers that will be visible, plus any other miniature accessories to complete your scene.

Or

Create a scene as described in Year 5/6 category.