

Earth Day 2021 - Painting competition for primary school students

1.0 About Earth Day

Earth Day is observed on 22nd of April each year following an initiative taken by Senator Gaylord Nelson, in the United States in 1970, to promote ecology and respect for life on the planet. Earth Day is an annual event through which various activities are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It is considered as an awakening call for the protection of the earth and the development of the “Go Green Attitudes”. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

This year, the theme is ‘**Restore Our Earth**’.

Restoration is essential to curb down emerging challenges such as Climate Change, air pollution, water pollution and plastic pollution. The World is now gearing towards promotion of natural system processes and emerging green technologies to restore the world’s ecosystems and forests, conserve and rebuild soils, improve farming practices, restore wildlife populations and rid the world’s oceans of plastics.

2.0 Painting Competition

In view of the current COVID 19 situation, it is proposed to celebrate the event virtually through the organisation of a painting competition for primary school pupils in collaboration with MBC.

3.0 Criteria for participation

- i. **Target group:** Pupils aged between 5 to 12 years old
- ii. **Size of painting** – Preferably A3 (A4 size will also be acceptable)
- iii. **Material on which painting to be done:** Paper
- iv. **Art/painting material:** Water colour, wax or any other painting/artwork material.
- v. **Theme of painting:** Restore Our Earth. Under this theme, pupils can depict one or a combination of the following and may include a message/slogan:
 - How our planet is being affected (for example, due to any of these issues: climate change, air pollution, water pollution, plastic pollution, loss in biodiversity,

deforestation, coastal degradation and unsustainable consumption pattern) **and** action(s) to prevent the selected environmental issue;

- Actions to green his/her village or town or Mauritius;
- How the children foresee Mauritius in future (for example, pollution free, plastic free, green planet)

This list is not exhaustive, pupils may illustrate any other concept/ideas related to the theme.

- vi. **Duration of competition** - 12 April to 19 April 2021
- vii. **Mode of transmission of painting by pupils:** Pupils will send their paintings via the Whatsapp number 5250 5151
- viii. At the top right-hand corner of the painting the pupil should clearly indicate the following detail: Full name of the pupil, age, address and contact number;
- ix. All participating pupils will receive a token from the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change.
- x. **Selection process:** A jury panel will be established to select 12 best paintings for which prizes will be awarded. These 12 paintings will be included in the Ministry`s calendar for the year 2022, where the names of the 12 winners will be acknowledged.
The prizes for the 12 best paintings will be in vouchers from Edition l`Ocean Indien and are as follows:
1st prize- Rs 10,000
2nd prize- Rs 7,000
3rd prize- Rs 5,000
4th prize to 12th prize – Rs 3,000

4.0 Conditions of participation

1. Number of submission per pupil – One
2. The decision of the jury panel shall be final
3. Participation in the competition permits reasonable use of the participant`s name and painting, releasing the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, from any claim, liabilities and/or damages arising directly or indirectly out of their participation.