

## SECRET GARDEN

**ONLY IN CINEMAS** 

When 10-year old orphan Mary Lennox is sent from India to live with her reclusive uncle Archibald and his strict housekeeper Mrs Medlock in a mysterious manor, she feels lonelier than ever before. Told to stay in her room, her natural curiosity leads her to explore the forbidding house, which she discovers is full of secrets, including an enchanted and boundless garden that has been hidden for years. With local boy Dickon, her sick cousin Colin, and a playful stray dog, she embraces this world of wonder and magic, which unlocks secrets from the past - revealing a whole new life of hope and friendship.

You can all join Mary and Colin on their fantastical exploration when the film is released this Easter, but before then we have an exclusive competition for you to design your very own Secret Garden!

Look out for exciting activities inspired by The Secret Garden in RHS Gardens throughout the Easter holidays!

Take a look at the picture on the front of this booklet and picture the scene:

Clambering through the overgrown trees and bushes, you come across a set of tall glistening gates. You put your hand into your pocket and pull out the heavy iron key you found hidden in some rocks. Could it be?...

You carefully place the key inside the lock and turn... \*click\*

Buzzing with excitement, you push the heavy gates and with a loud creak they slowly open.

You step through the gates and gasp at the view of your secret garden...

We would like you to imagine you have discovered a Secret Garden and create your design. What does it look like? What features and plants can you see?



For inspiration you can think about the sort of things that would make you happy in a garden – anything from beautiful plants to a place to share with friends or a garden full of sunshine and wildlife. Please be as creative as you like!

You can use the template on the back of this leaflet to submit a drawing, painting or collage of your garden or if you prefer, you can take a photo of a model or fully planted mini garden you have made and send that to us.



## Prizes

The winner will have the chance to see their garden, or elements of it, brought to life either in their school or in a community space.

The winner and runners up will also win a movie goody bag.

Terms & Conditions of the competition can be found at schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/thesecretgarden.





## How to enter



To enter, you must submit your design on a separate sheet of A4 paper. If you are submitting photos, they must be stuck to or printed onto an A4 sheet. Ask an adult to fill this part in for you. Please complete all sections.

Name:
Age:
School/group name:
Address:
Contact email:
I heard about this competition from (delete as appropriate): my school / my group / an RHS Garden / online / other
Tell us a few words about your design e.g. why did you choose it, how does it make you feel?:

Please return your entries to your teacher or group leader before **Tuesday 28th April 2020**.

Or if you're not entering as part of your school or group, ask a parent/guardian to email your entry to schoolgardening@rhs.org.uk or post it to:

The Secret Garden Competition, The Pines, RHS Garden Wisley, Woking, GU23 6QB

The final deadline for us to receive entries is Thursday 30th April 2020.







