



Young artists bring seasonal cheer to Hertsmere



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It's been a bumper year for our 2021 seasonal card competition, with nearly four times more entries received compared with last year.

Over 170 entries were received by primary school young artists and five talented children were chosen to receive prizes and attend a virtual presentation with the Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Anne Swerling, yesterday (Wednesday, 24 November).

A particularly impressive number of entries were received from the students of Saffron Green Primary School who exceeded expectations.

Ten-year-old Sophie Gillingham, and ten-year-old Dominika Orwat, both from Cowley Hill Primary School, have been named overall winners of this year's contest.

Sophie's sophisticated design of Father Christmas in the snow surrounded by Christmas trees has been selected as the council's corporate e-card (Card 1). While Dominika's intricate 'Merry Christmas' wording alongside Christmas-themed figures has been named as the Mayor of Hertsmere's card (Card 2).

Three runners-up were also announced. Maddox Davis, aged six, from Bushey and Oxhey Infants School wowed with his wonderful trio of a snowman, Christmas tree, and gingerbread house (Card 3). Ayva Navsaria, aged three, from The Wroxham School stood out to the judges with her colourful design encompassing a Christmas tree and candle (Card 4). Finally, Holly Enright, aged ten, from Woodlands Primary School impressed with her elf-on-the-shelf style design (Card 5).

They received a certificate, gift voucher, and a pack of their own cards to give to friends and family.

Cllr Swerling said: "It was an absolute joy to see so many beautiful entries submitted for our seasonal card competition.

"I want to thank everyone who took part. I had the honour of judging the competition and it was incredibly difficult to choose between so many high-standard entries and we really appreciate the support our competition receives from schools and the local community each year.

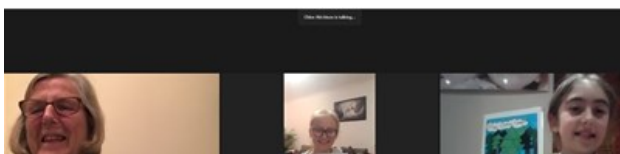
"I loved to see all the creativity that shone through the designs, to see all the time and effort it had taken the children to create their artworks was truly heart-warming.

"Having the opportunity to speak to our young winners at our virtual prize giving was a wonderful experience and I couldn't be happier to announce these young artists as this years winners"

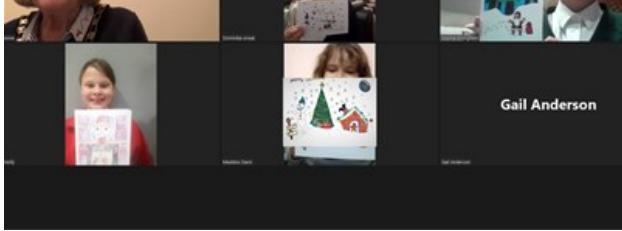
All primary schools in the borough were invited to take part in the competition at the beginning of October. A huge number of entries were received from across the borough and judging took place at the beginning of this month with the Mayor.

All the entries will be available to view on the front window of our Civic Offices to spread Christmas cheer.

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