



Sightsavers

Junior Painter Awards 2011



Regional winners Laura, Roza, June and Sarah at our Awards Day in February

WIN!

Please enter for your chance to win...

- A mega art & crafts hamper worth €500
- A €100 Art & Hobby voucher for your class
- A €200 Art & Hobby voucher for all runners up
- An awards day for the winners and their families
- And more...!

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Sightsavers Ireland 3rd annual Junior Painter Awards 2011!

Once again we are encouraging teachers across Ireland, both new to the competition and those who have entered in the past, to share their pupils' amazing works of art with us. The winning pupils could be in with a chance to win a mega arts & crafts hamper worth €500, a €100 Art & Hobby Shop voucher for their class and their paintings displayed at an exhibition in Dublin plus much more!



'Butterflies' by Roza from Waterford



'My Cat' by Thomas from Louth



'My Family' by Sarah from Mayo

Elizabeth Brady of Ballycloghan National School in Longford has this to say about the competition:

'The children enjoyed reading about children from other countries in your brochure. We also visited the Sightsavers' website which was very informative and all could identify someone who has a sight impairment.'

Babul from Bangladesh was born blind. Even though he lived just five minutes from his local school he did not go to school until he was seven years old. His mum and dad did not think that he would be able to learn because he was blind. Thanks to a Sightsavers partner, who taught him how to read and write Braille, he is now able to go to school with his best friend, Shaikat.



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The theme

This year we are inviting children to paint pictures using the theme

'My Vision of the future'

Here are some suggestions and ideas, but feel free to be as imaginative as you like...

- **You** - what do you want to be when you grow up?
- **World** - where will you be living? What will our country look like?
- **Animals** - will there be new and different animals, where will they live?
- **And anything else besides!** - aliens, magic creatures, planets – you tell us!

We would be delighted to see some photos of your class taking part in the competition, so please email them to schools@sightsavers.ie and we might use them on our website, Facebook or newsletter!



Halleluiah from Nigeria

Nine-year-old **Halleluiah** and her family live beside a river which is the only source of water in their village. But there is a black fly that lives by the river in certain parts of Africa, that can cause river blindness. Sightsavers distributes medicine to people who live there to protect them from river blindness. Halleluiah is one young girl that we have helped. She can now fetch water from the river without having to worry.



We are thrilled to announce that Don Conroy is lending his support to this year's competition.

Don is a well known children's artist, writer and has a keen interest in the environment. Some of you may remember him from his appearances on RTE's *The Den* where he had his own TV show called 'Paint for Fun!'

Don can't wait to see all the wonderful paintings that the children of Ireland will paint so let your imagination run wild!

Keep an eye out on our website and Facebook page for some of his top painting tips! You can also check out Don's paintings at www.donconroy.com

Prizes and Winners

Category	→	Regional Winners	→	National Winners
Junior & Senior Infants	→	3 Regional Winners	→	3 Regional Winners & 1 overall National Winner
1st & 2nd class	→	3 Regional Winners	→	
3rd & 4th class	→	3 Regional Winners	→	
5th & 6th class	→	3 Regional Winners	→	

The three regions are Leinster, Munster & Connaught/Ulster

Regional Winners prizes

The 12 regional winners will each receive the following fantastic prizes:

- A €100 voucher from the Art & Hobby Shop
- An Art Kit from the Art & Hobby Shop
- The winners and their families invited to the Awards Day where they will meet Don Conroy, see their paintings framed and exhibited and have a fun day out
- Have their artwork returned at the end of the competition
- Winners will also have the opportunity to have their artwork published in the Irish Times Art in the Classroom supplement

National Winners prizes

The 3 national winners will each receive:

- A €250 voucher from the Art & Hobby Shop in addition to all the regional winners prizes above!

Overall National winner

- A **MEGA Art & Crafts hamper from the Art & Hobby Shop worth €500!**
- **PLUS** all of the other prizes!

Winning Schools

- All schools lucky enough to have a regional winner will receive a €100 voucher from the Art & Hobby Shop to put towards new art supplies.
- Certificates of Participation for every pupil who enters



Last year's regional winner Nathan and his Class from Dalkey

How to enter the competition

Entry requirements, rules and regulations

- All entries must be given a name or caption (e.g. 'My vision of the future is...'). The child's name and age must also be included on the back of each entry.
- Any number of children and any number of classes in the school can enter.
- Paintings should be produced by individual artists; team entries cannot be accepted and only one entry per child can be submitted.
- Any type of paint can be used – there are no restrictions. E.g. watercolours, ready mix, poster paint and acrylics etc.
- All paintings must be a maximum size of A3 (including borders) and must be presented on one side of a sheet of paper, sent flat-packed.
- All class entries must be accompanied by a copy of the entry form (see back cover). If more than one class enters from your school, please ensure a photocopied entry form is attached with every class submission.
- **All entries must be received by 23 November 2011.**
- Children involved should be between the ages of 4-12 unless you are submitting entries by pupils with special needs, in which case you

do not need to select an age category.

- No responsibility will be accepted for entries lost, damaged or delayed in transit or insufficiently pre-stamped. Proof of posting is not proof of delivery.
- The judges' decision will be final.
- All entries, including the copyright, will become the property of Sightsavers. Sightsavers shall be entitled to reproduce, publish or make use of any entry free of charge.

Judging criteria

Prizes will be awarded for paintings that, in the opinion of the judges, most effectively explore and celebrate the power of creativity.

This includes:

- Powerful expression of the artist's observations, thoughts, feelings and emotions.
- Originality and creativity.
- Effective composition, sense of colour and colour-mixing skills.
- Application of different painting techniques, e.g. to create tone, highlights and texture.



Winners from last year's competition at the Awards Day with John Fleming from Sightsavers and artist Helen Steele

Factfile

- Over 90% of children with disabilities in developing countries do not go to school
- 45 million people in the world are blind, 1.4 million of whom are children
- 80% of blindness is avoidable

Sightsavers' vision is of a world where no one is blind from avoidable causes and where visually impaired people participate equally in society.

Sightsavers works with local partners in 30 of the world's poorest countries to prevent and cure blindness and to support those who are permanently blind and visually impaired. Sightsavers supports inclusive education programmes. This is where children who are blind and visually impaired are included in mainstream education.



Read about how we helped Kajol in Bangladesh

Kajol and his mum after his operation

Kajol is nine years old and lives in Bangladesh. He used to struggle with his reading and while trying to see the blackboard at school. One day his father brought him to the local hospital run by Sightsavers' partners and there he was diagnosed with having cataract.

Cataract is where the lens of the eye becomes cloudy and it can be hard to see. Since he had his operation he can now read the blackboard. Without the help of Sightsavers, Kajol might have lost the sight in his eye.

He tells us 'I like reading the best!'

Certificates of participation

Each pupil who participates will receive an individual certificate of participation.

Sightsavers has signed the code of conduct on images and messages (www.sightsavers.ie/code). Please send your feedback to code@sightsavers.ie

You can check out last year's winners and keep up to date on the competition by going to www.sightsavers.ie/juniormpainter

Winners paintings will be on exhibit at the Awards Day in early 2012. The winners and their schools will be contacted directly.



Entry form

Please complete and return this form with your entries, by 23 November 2011 to:

Schools Team
70 Upper George's Street
Dún Laoghaire
Co. Dublin

If any other teachers in your school would like to enter they can photocopy this page and fill in their class' details or download the brochure from our website www.sightsavers.ie/juniormainter

Name of school

Address

Telephone number

Teacher contact name

Email address

Please indicate the number of entries enclosed and in which category:

Junior & Senior infants:

1st & 2nd class:

3rd & 4th class:

5th & 6th class:

If you are sending in entries by pupils with special needs please add the number of entries you're sending here and also mark that they are special needs on the back of the painting:

DON'T FORGET!

closing date is
23 November 2011

Remember to include the name and age of the entrants, their picture caption, school name, teacher's name and school address on the reverse of all paintings.

Survey for Junior Painter Awards 2011



We would greatly value your feedback about the competition so if you have a couple of minutes to spare, please complete the form below and tick the relevant boxes, then send it back to us with your entries.

Thank you to everyone who filled out this feedback form last year. We used your feedback to help improve this year's competition.

Your name

Name of School

Address

Telephone number

Email address

1. How would you rate the Junior Painter of the Year Awards?

- Poor Average
 Good Excellent

2. What did you think of the theme this year?

- Poor Average
 Good Excellent

Do you have any suggestions for how we could improve the competition next year? E.g. the entry process, the theme, the prizes etc?

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3. Would you recommend the competition to other teachers?

- Yes No

5. Would your school be interested in receiving a visit from Sightsavers to talk to your class more about what Sightsavers do?

- Yes No

6. Has a particular charity initiative caught your eye recently? If so, what was it and why was it of interest?

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8. What inspired you to enter the competition?

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Do you have any other comments or feedback about the competition?

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If Sightsavers were to run a fundraising initiative in schools next year, is this something your school might be interested in supporting?

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Thank you very much for your time Please send your survey and submissions to:
The Schools Team at: Sightsavers, 70 Upper Georges Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin