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Dear parents and carers,

Re: 'Where Sounds Best?' Institute of Acoustics (IOA) Primary Schools' Competition 2024

We have been made aware of a competition running this year that pupils may want to work on and enter.

The sounds we hear vary depending on where we are. Some sounds are natural sounds (such as birdsong or a rushing stream), some are made by people (such as talking or making music), sounds from machines (such as cars, aircraft or lawnmowers) or there might be a combination of all of these. Some of these sounds make us feel good and some don't.

This year the Institute of Acoustics (IOA) is running its Primary Schools' Competition with the theme 'Where Sounds Best?' The Primary Schools' competition is now in its third year.

This competition is for children aged 7 to 11 years old in UK Primary Schools working individually or in groups of up to four children.

They would like children to think about somewhere with sounds you like and produce a hand-made drawing, picture, patchwork, collage or similar to illustrate what you like about the place and sounds.

Suggested method

Step 1: think about somewhere with sounds you like hearing;

Step 2: think about what it is about the place and sounds that you like and how they make you feel;

Step 3: create a physical piece of art (drawing, picture, patchwork, collage or similar) showing what it is about the sounds in the place you've chosen that makes you like being there. An example could be the sound of your doorbell when you are expecting a parcel.

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The Prize

The winning entrant(s) will each receive a prize of £25 plus a prize of £500 for their school. The winning school will also receive an engraved crystal trophy.

The winning group or winner plus one friend, one teacher and one parent/guardian per child will also be invited to visit their nearest science centre.

In addition, the winning school will be given the opportunity for a STEM Ambassador who is a member of the Institute of Acoustics to visit them to present the award and speak a little about what it is like to work in acoustics.

How to Submit your entry

Please take photographs of your artwork, including one photograph of the complete piece and additional photographs focussing in on detailed elements. Send your photographs of the artwork to primary@ioa.org.uk with the email subject title:

‘Primary School Competition Entry from [Pupil Name], [School Name]’.

Please include the name and age of the participating pupil(s) as well as name and contact details of the school for each competition entry.

Please do not send the physical item.

The Deadline

The deadline for entries will be 30th June 2024. Entries will be judged by a panel of experts with winners announced by 15th July. The decision of the judging panel will be final.

To find out more go to <https://www.ioa.org.uk/news/where-sounds-best-ioa-primary-schools-competition-2024>

Kind regards,

Mrs Skinner

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