

# Fairy garden competition

Hey kids! This was from our Fairy Garden competition which was judged by Fairy Anne!



Fairies have sparked the imagination of children through the centuries. The word fairy can also be spelt faerie or faery. Fairies have been seen as mythical beings and have been presented in folklore for centuries. They are often portrayed as having magical powers with close relationships with humans.

As a child, who doesn't remember the tooth fairy, the anticipation of them visiting and the joy of creating a small haven for them to leave the coin in return for your very first tooth? And we all remember the wonderful Tinker Bell in the stories of Peter Pan.

Our notions of fairies have always been good ones, never any notion of anything sinister. We make fairy bread, sprinkle fairy glitter and who doesn't love fairy lights, all things about fairies are wonderful and can take you to happy places.

If anyone has had the wonderful opportunity to visit Anne Atkin's Fairy Garden in Fitzroy, you will have been treated to a wonderful eclectic collection of whimsical sculptural figures and a garden that offers a green, calm and serene ambiance. Anne believes that..... "fairies are Nature Spirits, so they love gardens and bush land. Our gardens encourage fairies and these magical fairies encourage and guide us in return. Fairies are essential in a child's life; they can create a gentle place where they can go that is safe".

As adults we continue the tradition of creating fairy wonderlands for children, sparking the imaginations of future generations of children.

Children connecting with nature is an essential part of their development and what a wonderful way to do it by creating a Fairy Garden with your child, grandchild or perhaps just someone who you have a connection with... or even just for yourself!



Your imagination can take you anywhere with your Fairy Garden, it could be in your garden, in a pot or hanging basket, big or small. We have chosen to make ours in a terrarium. We can't wait to see your creations!

Have fun!