



THE GLOBAL CLASSROOM FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY TAKING PART

Do you fancy having one of your photographs published in the Nord Anglia Education Global Classroom 2015 Calendar? Check out the information below to find out how.

Theme

The theme of this year's photos for the calendar will be '**Adventure**'. You can interpret the theme any way you want but must explain how your photograph illustrates the theme when you submit your photograph. The explanation should be no more than 40 words.

Image quality

As the winning pictures will be used in a printed calendar, any photo you submit for the competition must:

- have been taken on a camera setting of at least 5 megapixels
- be landscape, not portrait.

To upload a photograph to the Global Classroom, save your photo as a JPEG file no larger than 256MB, and keep the original image safe.

Selection of photographs

You have until Friday 26th September 2014 to take and upload one photograph you think best captures the spirit of adventure. All photographs will be displayed in an online gallery and every Global Classroom student will be invited to vote for their favourite images.

Students will be asked to judge each image for:

- how well it illustrates the theme
- the technical composition of the photograph
- the emotional response that the photograph provokes.

The student vote will be counted and considered alongside the judging panel's preferences. Winning photos will be selected from three different age groups (years 4-6, years 7-9 and years 10-13) and those images will be used to create the Nord Anglia Education Global Classroom 2015 Calendar.

So what now?

Think about the types of photographs that capture the spirit of adventure. Make sure you have your camera close by so that you don't miss opportunities to get a great shot. And keep trying until you get the shot you want.

Timeline

The Focus on Photography forum will be open in the online Global Classroom throughout the summer and won't close until Friday 26th September.

Happy Snapping!



THE GLOBAL CLASSROOM FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY RULES

All photographs uploaded to the Focus on Photography forum must be genuinely your own work.

By submitting a photograph you are agreeing for it to be used in the production of the Nord Anglia Education Global Classroom Calendar.

Basic editing rules

You may:

- use any feature of your camera while photographing your entry, with the exception of combining multiple captures in-camera.
- crop, rotate and resize your entry.
- use filters or stand-alone utilities designed to preserve image integrity (such as Neat Image, Unsharp Mask, Dust & Scratches, and color correction tools). These filters must be applied uniformly to the entire image, and must not be used in such a way that their use becomes a feature. No “effects” filters may be applied to your image, with the exception of Noise and Gaussian Blur.
- saturate, desaturate or change the colors of your entry, but no selections are allowed.
- use only Adjustment Layers (or their equivalent). An Adjustment Layer is a special type of layer containing no image data that lets you experiment with color and tonal adjustments without permanently modifying the pixels. Adjustment Layers must be applied in Normal mode.
- use RAW conversion software as long as the changes are made globally to a single file on one layer and do not create new features or effects in the process.

You may not:

- spot-edit your entry, except to remove sensor dust or hot pixels.
- use any selection tool, including but not limited to the marquee, lasso, layer masks, quick masks, or any similar tool to select a portion of your image for any reason other than cropping.
- use ANY editing tool to create new image area, objects or features (such as vignettes, lens flare or motion) that didn't already exist in your original capture.
- add graphics, clip art, computer-rendered images or parts of other photographs to your entry or its border during editing.
- add text to your entry during editing. This includes copyright statements.
- distort or stretch your image in any way.