

Christmas Coding Competition

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I have an exciting competition to tell you about! Dresscode.org.uk have launched a Christmas coding competition for Primary school children. Children can take part using scratch (<https://scratch.mit.edu/>). Once your child has completed their scratch project, it can be emailed to me at lavender@balliolschool.co.uk. I will then send the entries into the competition judges. Please can all entries be sent to me by Friday 5th January 2024.

This year's challenge:

Code a Christmas themed project that includes or mentions an Elf.

Frequently asked questions:

- **What do I use to make my project?**

Please use scratch. There is a free online version here: <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

- **Can I include more than just an Elf in my project?**

Yes! Be as creative as possible. You can find out more about the judging criteria below.

- **What is the judging criteria?**

Only entries that have an Elf featured or mentioned somewhere in the entry will be accepted. We encourage you to be creative and add extra items. The judges will be looking for creative, eye catching entries that stand out. There must be code used to make your ideas come to life. This could be an animation, a story, a joke, a game, a card, a poster, an adventure game, a fact page....anything you like! It is completely up to you.

- **When will the winners be announced?**

Dresscode.org.uk are a small team who all work full time as well but they will contact the teacher associated with the winning entries by the end of March.

- **How do I find out more information?**

Please visit: <https://www.dresscode.org.uk/competitions/christmas-coding-comp>

Good luck and happy coding,

Miss Jennings