

Outdoor Learning Resource

Newsletter *October 2021 update*

Gardening Now! Large beds gradually being filled with mulch bags full of fallen leaves. Spring bulbs being planted out by all groups, across the site.

Forest Now! - Students still cutting back bramble dome, sweeping leaves for Hedgehog habitats, composting and leaf mulch bags. Sweet Chestnuts have fallen and we race the squirrels to find those that have matured- green but not yet brown. We will toast some Spanish ones on a suitable cold, dry day. All students have been creating 'natural' art.



Long Garden Early Years- Children continue to enjoy exploring our wooded area and visiting various features including WW1 trench and log seating areas.



ALG – Both year 7 and 8 groups continue to work on naming and spelling plants, creatures and tools. They have learned how to sharpen the tools we do use and as a group, finally emptied the last of the chippings on our trails and we now await a new delivery.

IN- Have also been doing all of the above in their small groups, whilst at the same time continuing to cope with each other and themselves during this particularly stressful time. Yr.9 have been opening chestnuts sweeping leaves for hibernaculum's and the mosh pit, pruning brambles, apple pressing and tasting Halloween soup!!



IAG – Students from yrs. 8 and 10 currently are helping with bramble pruning, sowing spring flower bulbs, re touching poppy painting, staining planters and wood signs, erecting tepees, willow wreath making, graffiti art and generally following their year IAG themes of Rights and Responsibilities, Sexual Health.



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Pressing apple juice and dipping apples in chocolate-yum!