

Outdoor Learning Resource

Newsletter *June 2020 update*

Gardening Now!

Continued good weather (hot, dry), means that all plant life needs a daily watering. That includes the tree saplings- over 100 of them. Other life needs water in the form of easily accessed water supplies. In addition to the pupil made wet areas and shallow bowls for bird baths, other small receptacles have been added, containing water, which will attract all sorts of creatures including dragon flies. The short showers that followed the hot weather were not sufficient to water plant roots properly, but dust and insects were removed from the leaves. The vegetables sown by year 10 continue to grow well, including potatoes, peas, onions, broad beans.



Forest Now!

The hot dry weather is also good for dragon's and the feature which gives the lawn its name, has been placed outside. The Giacometti figurines have been repaired and put back to accompany Eden, our reclining lady. The recycled sheep (including Gordon Ram sey ha!), have had spring lambs and the flock are now split between Eden and Tamar, (the otter), in the wooded area. The fallen tree has adapted totally to its now horizontal plane and is in full leaf with branches now growing vertically, (negative gravitropism and phototropism)!



Altarnun Primary

Some pupils have returned to their school and have been engaging with Outdoor Learning in their grounds, but also in our own OL Resource. They have been active in den making, planting, painting, watering, trail repair and bird feeding/watching, looking for 'signs' -Indian style, being graffiti artists, netting strawberries, 'roofing' amphibian wet areas. Oh yes, and making Elderflower cordial.



Castle ARB

Castle students have also started to return on a rota basis and are enjoying being able to visit OL, to see their mini gardens and explore the wild wood areas.