

Outdoor Learning Resource

Newsletter *October 2020 update*

Gardening Now!

We are now gearing up for nature's rest period in the growing beds. Students are gradually clearing/pruning and covering with leaf mulch bags. Apples all in and being eaten during lessons as are the ½ dozen pears. Last of the brown onions harvested and used in cooking.



Forest Now!

Recent heavy rain fall has meant copious laying of chippings on trails, by students and for the first time, on the Dragon lawn, during the 4 x house, Adventure Learning preparation time for year 7. All trees have been marked and labelled, with the ties being replaced due to squirrel damage. Mr Graeme Gallimore, the town's new Tree Warden visited and took the 'tour' around our Outdoor Learning Resource. His response 'awesome'.

Trail to Zen garden



ALG grp



Magic den

Yr. 7 Adventure Learning Preparation

Each house + tutors (over 300, worked together on producing a 'sound map' and completed an 'Environmental Quality Index' based upon the siting of benches around school, before a visit to our Outdoor Learning area. Plan A originally involved students contributing to the cooking of pizzas, herby and spicy chicken and hot dogs outside, but due to poor weather conditions became plan B and finally C. In spite of heavy showers and occasional gusting winds all pupils enjoyed the food and outdoor time, which included noting tree species (x 30), finding fungi and planting acorns. Big 'thank you's' to caretaking team, Ms Julie Roberts, Mrs Josie Jones, Mr Jim Parker and Ms Unwin without whom this opportunity would not have been possible. A special 'thankyou' to Morrisons of Tavistock, (Mrs Helen France, Community Champion), who supported us with donations of pizzas, which helped to keep our costs down.



Wet, wet,



wet and dry!



Features and habitats

The recycled 'Blue House' is gradually taking shape and will now have a royal blue net covering, kindly donated by Devon Scaffolding. Thanks Darren. Also, the 'White House' aka igloo, is starting to be made. Plasto being now has a head and will soon be up a tree!!!