

Outdoor Learning Resource

Newsletter *October* 2020 *2nd update*

So much is happening just now, a second newsletter in the month seems appropriate.

Gardening Now!

Year 7 IN, ALG and IAG students are busy filling leaf mulch bags, painting poppies and planting spring bulbs during their outdoor learning sessions, all of which have an emotional/mental health and well-being theme. Also, improving memory skills. Thank you to Mrs M Young and Ms S Gianoglio-Bernadi for their donation of evergreen planting.



Forest Now!

The forest area is particularly wet after all of the rain but the chippings have prevented it being muddy too. Plenty of fungi to find and identify. All groups including ARB and Nursery have collected and stomped open all remaining sweet chestnuts, (squirrels had most), we shall enjoy them toasted after ½ term. The nuts that is not the squirrels, ha! Year 7, in their house groups have all planted an acorn and we await to see what germinates.

Long Garden Nursery

Now in partnership with Launceston College MAT, continue to enjoy the delights of our Outdoor Learning Area. Recently they have been puddle jumping, leaf kicking, exploring, collecting, working with clay and papier mache.

Tymek and Will checking out candle snuff fungi: Sunny and Poppy using papier mache.



Egloskerry



All pupils have completed a series of Outdoor Learning sessions over the past 5 weeks, which involved handling and using a whole range of tools, (10), safely, in order to help clear out their old bog garden. This will make way for a new replenished one. Pupils were encouraged to use and be aware of their different senses (13), throughout the sessions and to give good practical examples of each. Other activities included recognizing and labelling their trees, identifying various nuts and berries, making clay leaves, sharpening their tools using whet stones, cutting up kindling using hammers and bill hooks, making mini hurdles, using their imagination to design 'natural' pictures and creating owls from foraged woodland items. Their fire lighting skills were tested in the final days wet weather, but this did not prevent hot chocolate and hot dogs being enjoyed before home time.