



Newsletter

Autumn 2022

Using the school garden as a focus for learning and well being

Welcome to the Garden Schools newsletter

We hope you have had a good start back at school and are ready to be doing more outdoor learning with your pupils over the next few months.

We have been working on our Garden School programme over the summer to provide even more resources for you, and are delighted to advise that as partners with the Countryside Classroom and Garden Organic our website links into their excellent educational materials to support our Garden Schools programme, along with selected other great resources we hope support your lesson plans.

OSF Garden School Training programme is now live!

Over the past few months the University of Aberdeen has been working on the Garden School programme as an online training resource for educators to access and learn at their own pace.

We are delighted that this is now live and FREE for everyone to use. Please visit the programme [here](#) and feel free to distribute to students, teachers, schools and others you think will be interested.



The OSF Garden Schools programme has been developed alongside the School of Education at the University of Aberdeen. It provides practical educational materials linked to the Curriculum for Excellence and is available for all educators to use for free.

Our website www.osfgardenschools.co.uk has a range of resources and activities to increase the amount of outdoor learning in your school including:

- how to create a garden space if you do not have an area already
- how to engage children in growing plants if you do

Videos to support each element of the educational materials in our programme are now available. You can also subscribe to our [OSF Garden Schools YouTube channel](#) to see these, and to be notified as more videos are posted.



This term in the garden

Harvest: If your school has been growing crops over the summer, Autumn is a time to harvest what you have grown.

Plan: if you have a garden already or want to create one, it is time to think about what you want to do with the garden space this school year.

Explore: Investigate how plants grow and what's happening in your soil

Garden Schools programme materials to check out:

- [From Harvesting to Cooking](#)
- [From school grounds...to school gardens](#)
- [The Mystery of Growth](#)
- [Secrets of the Soil](#)



Climate Action Award

Claim your free pack!

We are looking for schools across the UK to take part in activities that will have a positive impact on the planet and local wildlife. Our FREE starter pack contains:

- an information booklet
- factsheets with practical activities
- seeds to sow to get your school into action.

Complete at least 50% of the suggested activities to qualify for a unique certificate of achievement and a place on our Climate Action Award Tree of Honour.

Email us to get your free starter pack:
oneseedforward@gmail.com

Garden School Awards

Did you know that you can earn gardening vouchers and certificates for your school by passing the various stages in our programme?

Our [Garden Schools Framework](#) shows what needs to be done to achieve success at each stage. You then just need to send us an email at oneseedforward@gmail.com with some photos to declare and claim your Stage reward!



Congratulations to our latest Garden Schools award winners:

- Stage 3 Banchory Academy, Aberdeenshire
- Stage 1 Weston Lullingfields C of E Primary, Shropshire
- Stage 5 Uryside School, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire
- Stage 3 Slains School, Collieston, Aberdeenshire

