

# Forest Lodge Academy, Leicester

March 2022

Over the last two years we have created a peace garden within our school grounds for children to visit during their lunch and play times. This space also has garden planters and each year group are encouraged to use this for planting flowers and fruits and vegetables linked to their curriculum topics. This included lavender, tomatoes, sunflowers, petunias, bunny tails, carrots, strawberries and many more! The garden also has birdhouse style book boxes which we can hang on the fence. These contain a range of books for children to read on the benches and share with other children from different year groups. We had donations of seeds and resources from local champions from Morrison's and Tesco.



1. Compost bin in our peace garden, use this when planting mixed with mulch/bagged soil.
2. Mulch and compost added into planters and mixed with soil to support plant growth.
3. Watering with collected rainwater when hotter and natural weather (when it rains) during all other times.
4. Plant waste/cuttings used in compost bin. Currently in talks with kitchen to use food waste in compost bins – in process.
5. Grounds were provided with hundreds of trees and children planted in school grounds. Also have a tree in the peace garden.
6. Garden was made without plastic and is discouraged to be used in planters. Only plastic element is the sign.
7. Hanging baskets with flowers. Sunflower competition school-wide (we plan to do this annually), planted sunflowers in all the planters and watched them grow. Bird house and seeds put out regularly. Memorial tree to remember covid/isolation and what happened during this unprecedented time. Bug hotel for bees/insects. Small flower shaped water trough in planter.



# Uryside School, Inverurie

April 2022



1. A hedgehog friendly area was created last autumn including raising and amending the fencing in that area and creating log piles and 'shelters'
2. Various areas have been sown in native, wildlife friendly seeds
3. We have a number of low maintenance areas that contain native plants, wildflowers and dogwood bushes
4. Birdhouses, hedgehog homes were added to the school grounds (obtained via the postcode lottery fund)
5. Bark was used as a mulch to the raspberry canes areas and smaller raised beds
6. We have a 3-way rotation compost system created from recycled pallets
7. The raised beds were constructed from recycled timber by a local wood recyclability company
8. The soil within the raised beds was improved by using compost created from the local authority food waste scheme
9. We've not been able to go plastic free as being in the north east of Scotland, we've need to use fabric control to heat the soil within the raised beds for seeds and early potatoes and for our pumpkin patch. However, we have reused plastic milk containers and cups used in our dinning area for planting
10. For fertilisers, we have used chicken manure pellets and bone meal where possible
11. We used a donation of home made leaf mould to grow our seeds in this year and recently received a donation of peat free compost to pot our seedlings on
12. We received a large donation of trees from the woodland trust and, with local rotary support, planted 2 large areas of trees (within our school playground area) for the Queen's Jubilee year and are a recognised school on the Plant a tree for the Jubilee website



# St Helen's Catholic Primary School, Barry

May 2022

Awaiting photos

We have:

1. Rain barrels
2. Chemical free
3. Planted pear trees, apple trees and plum trees
4. Used peat free compost.
5. Planted a Wildlife flower meadow
6. Created garden designs including bee hotels, ladybird house and butterfly barn
7. Planted 100 summer bulbs, wildflower meadow and cordyline

Awaiting photos



# Methlick School, Methlick

May 2022



1. We have recently added a bird feeding station. P1 and P4 took part in the RSPB bird watch
2. P5/4 recently made some log piles from piles of wood Storm Arwen left behind
3. We have plenty of butterflies on our Buddleia - P1 and P2 have observed and counted
4. Our trees have lots of bird boxes
5. P5/6 have been working with Methlick Community Council - tidied and replanted an area in the village while also gaining their John Muir Discover award
6. No chemicals used at all
7. We try and compost where we can
8. We have two water barrels on site and
9. We are very proud of our trees planted on the school grounds.
10. P2 and P7 also planted a mini forest on Haddo land with permission and support from Lord Aberdeen himself. This also supported Haddo after losing so many trees.





# Slains School, Collieston, Ellon

June 2022



We have

1. Vegetables in the polytunnel
2. Fruit trees in the grounds
3. Local indigenous trees
4. Wildlife garden
5. Bug hotel
6. Compost heap

