

Outdoor learning in Strandtown

January 2021

Dear parents and guardians,

The return to school in 2021 is not what we had hoped for but we will not let it dampen our connection with nature. Now more than ever, getting outside and taking time to breathe in fresh air is essential for our mental health and wellbeing and I want to reassure you that plans and preparations for our Forest Site will continue.

What is happening?

We are incredibly grateful to Mrs Long and her friends Andy and Aisling from 'Sow Grateful' farm, who have kindly provided logs and tree stumps to allow for class seating within our Forest site. Our hope is to create a site which allows for outdoor learning, nature observation, bird watching and much more! The logs will give the children somewhere to sit as they participate in their activities. Check out next month's newsletter for some pictures of our log seating area. ☺

Our site Before...



We have a huge stretch of land to create our site and Room 11 had fun designing what it could look like and we had great ideas coming forward.

The dig....



A huge thank you to Mr Jennings, our parent volunteer who taught us to dig and helped us create holes for our fruit trees. Mr Pollock, Miss Bailie and Miss Murdock helped us dig holes for our fruit hedges. ☺

Now...



Well done to my Room 11 pupils who planted, watered and got very muddy in our orchard planting effort. We look forward to more trees arriving and getting lots more classes involved in planting.

Many thanks,

R McCoy