

Outdoor learning in Strandtown

May 2021



Dear pupils, parents and guardians,

A pretty, pink carpet of cherry blossom leaves is a beautiful sight to behold within our school grounds. Lots of classes are out and about around Strandtown enjoying fresh air and fun learning experiences outside which is a pleasure to see!

NIFSA visit Strandtown:



Danielle played a camouflage game with Room 11 and we built dens in groups! Lots of fun was had and we cannot

wait to build dens again and use them for outdoor stories!

NIFSA Observation:

Danielle came back the following week to observe Mrs McCoy leading an outdoor Forest School session. We worked in groups to build nests for common garden birds that we had researched. Mrs McCoy passed and once she has her theory completed and marked, Strandtown will be on its way

to being an official FOREST SCHOOL! Mrs McCoy looks forward to sharing what she has learned with the whole school. Let the adventures begin...



We built a nest for a blue tit using sticks, moss, water and leaves.

NIFSA also kindly provided us with 15 more small trees to help grow our very own forest site. Thank you to Mr Kelso for digging the holes and the year 4 and 6 children who planted them! Our young, growing site needs protected at the end of the day and we would kindly ask parents to support us to do this by supervising young children on the school grounds.

Outdoor Symmetry:

I love receiving photos of outdoor learning! Check out this symmetrical creation:



Another huge thank you to Mr Bates who has built some planters, bird tables and mud kitchens for us! A sensory garden is in the making...

Many thanks,

R McCoy