

Outdoor learning in Strandtown

June 2021

Dear pupils, parents and guardians,

We have had a busy month with lots of outdoor learning experiences across the whole school. It has been wonderful to see lots of classes making use of our log area at our up and coming forest site! Mrs Keown's class have added wildflower seeds to this area and we look forward to welcoming lots of bees, butterflies and insects to their new habitat. Thank you Year 7! ☺

Sensory Garden:

We have been working hard with lots of pupils to create a sensory garden which is developing well and becoming an area that is calming and therapeutic to be in. A range of herbs and lavender plants are growing and we have even welcomed some fairies to the garden. Belfast City Council are coming this week as we have entered this garden into the 'Belfast in Bloom' competition.



Eco-Garden:

Some classes have been weeding and nurturing the flowers beds alongside some fantastic parent helpers. A huge thank you to all as this is appreciated and valued immensely! Mrs Keown's class have planted vegetables and Ms Hutchman's class are growing onions. What a feast awaits! It is great to see our children learning how to grow and tend to vegetables alongside encouraging them to become eco-friendly citizens. ☺

Year 7 Titanic Challenge:



The year 7 pupils estimated, measured and enjoyed some exercise as they ran a full lap of the deck and timed themselves. Not many schools are lucky enough to have the grounds enabling them to do such a fantastic piece of outdoor learning linked to their topic. Well done Year 7! ☺



Outdoor Art

Some children were using P.E equipment to create nature designs. Endless opportunities to

breathe in the fresh air as we create and express!

Wee Critters on the Logs:

The Year 4 children met a range of fantastic 'Wee Critters' and learnt lots of facts about Trevor, the Cane Toad and Nagini the Common Boa!



Our outdoor learning journey has only just begun and we have achieved so much already. Looking forward to a new year of opportunities! R McCoy