

Outdoor learning in Strandtown

January 2022

Dear pupils, parents and guardians,
Happy New Year!

We have had an exciting first term with regards to our planting and the ongoing development of our outdoor spaces at Strandtown. Some Year 4 classes got involved in planting hedges along the fence behind our mobile classrooms. This will



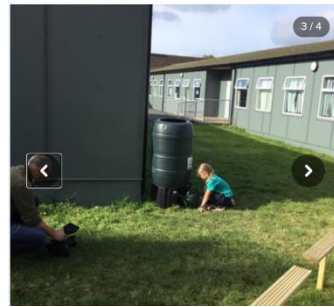
create a garden feel for our pupils at the back of the school and

attract lots of minibeasts also!

A huge well done to the Year 6 pupils who created amazing plans depicting what they envisage this space could look like. It is always our aim to use pupil voice within our planning and the year 6 pupils have given us lots of food for thought! Landscape designs and 3D models included bird feeding areas, ponds and seating areas galore.



We were delighted to work with NI Water to help create a video on how schools can save water for a conference that they were involved in. Well done to the children involved in this opportunity! We now have a few water butts on our school grounds to utilise rain as a natural resource! Go Strandtown!



Check out the video below:

<https://www.niwater.com/climatechange/power-of-water/>

Wonderful outdoor learning opportunities have been happening across the school and this will be a whole school aim as we move forward into 2022. The importance of fresh air and natural learning is crucial for our health and wellbeing as well as our learning!

Fun in the leaves was witnessed in the Autumn term as children built leaf towers, had leaf battles and I even



caught a Year 6 class building a leaf fort in line with their Castles topic!

Many thanks,

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