

The Courtyard Development

We are delighted to share the exciting transformation of our school courtyard, made possible through a successful £5,000 grant application.

Before

Prior to the project, the courtyard was an underused area of the school. The space contained overgrown weeds, broken planters and lacked features that encouraged children to spend time there.

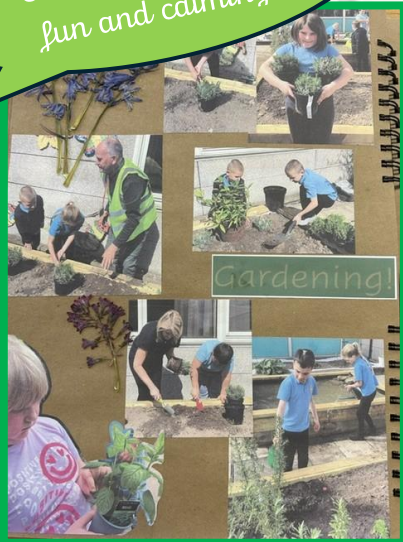


Planning the Project

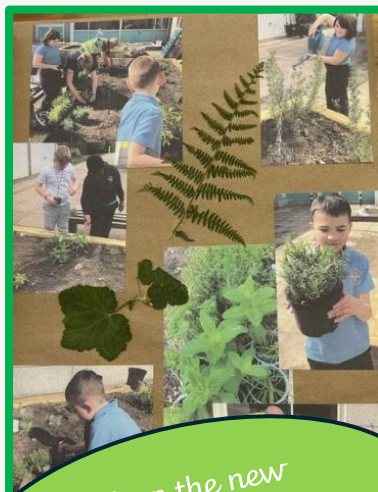
Children who attend our weekly Outdoor Learning sessions played a key role in planning the development of the courtyard with Mrs Devenish and Mrs Raggett. They shared ideas about how the funding could be used to create a welcoming and engaging outdoor space that would benefit the whole school community.

The children helped decide on a range of features, including a wildlife pond, sensory garden, fruit and vegetable planters, a tool shed and a bug hotel. They were also actively involved in planting many of the flowers, fruits and vegetables that now grow in the courtyard.

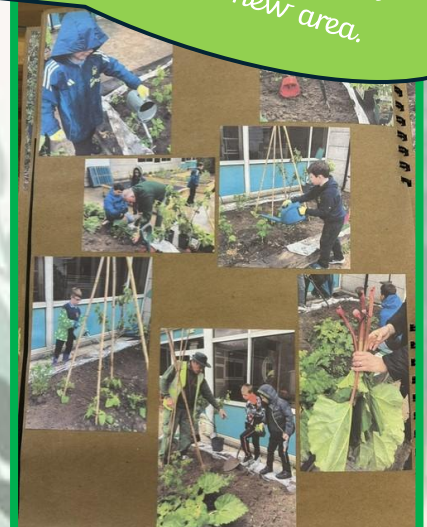
Outdoor learning is
fun and calming!



I love the new
areas, especially the
pond and fish.



I love being outside and
exploring the new area.



After

Thanks to the grant funding, the courtyard has been transformed into a vibrant outdoor learning environment. The new features include:

- A wildlife pond to encourage biodiversity and support learning about nature.
- Raised planters growing a variety of fruits and vegetables.
- A sensory garden designed to engage the senses and provide a calming environment.
- A tool shed to support gardening and outdoor learning activities.
- A bug hotel to attract and support local wildlife.



Impact on Our Children

The courtyard is now a valued part of school life. Children use the space during weekly Outdoor Learning sessions and through our Outdoor Learning After-School Club.

It is also used by pupils across the school as a calm and welcoming area for learning breaks, movement breaks and wellbeing support. The transformation has created an engaging outdoor environment that promotes learning, wellbeing and a connection with nature.

We are incredibly proud of what has been achieved and would like to thank everyone involved in helping bring this project to life. The courtyard has become a valuable learning resource that will benefit our children for years to come.



SHOUT OUTS!

A big thank you to Oliver N's mum for donating five goldfish, pond plants and fabric for den building.

A big thank you to Leo's mum for supporting with the afterschool club, sharing some amazing ideas and donating plants and seeds.