

Warblington Environmental Society Newsletter Issue 2



Warblington School Planting Project Update

Art and Sensory Garden

The school was successful in our grant application and have received funds from Havant Councillors which has meant that our project can move on with greater speed.

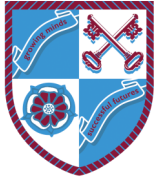
Starting three weeks ago, the local wildlife gardener, 'Martin Hampton of Havant-based Nature-Friendly Gardens', some enthusiastic staff and a small number of very enthusiastic students, have pruned the two fruit trees (a cherry and an apple) cut back the winter raspberries and weeded the central fruit bed. They have also cleared part of the wild area of most of the litter ready for some coppicing to make a shaded area for outdoor learning.

A new bed has been dug along the East side of the Garden and planted with a variety of bee and insect loving plants that will flower in late spring and autumn. These include cotoneasters, carnations, buddleia, jasmine and wisteria.



Feed the Birds

A bird feeder and 2 bird nesting boxes have been installed. One of the bird boxes is made of a composite of wood and concrete - Woodcrete. It is twice as expensive but the birds prefer it because it is better insulated and waterproofed than the traditional wooden box. It will also last much longer and woodpeckers cannot get into it.



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No Mow May

If you have heard of this campaign, then you are already a hero! Thank you! By not mowing your lawn, you are going to be giving the birds, bees and butterflies a better chance in life. You will be reducing carbon, helping climate change, cleaning the air, enhancing the local character of your neighbourhood and giving yourself and your community 'a thing beauty and a joy forever'.

Warblington School takes part in this campaign and since last year have left an area of the school site to grow wild and free. Will you take part?

Here are a few guidelines to get you started. There is loads more information on Plant Life website <https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign/inspiring-stories>

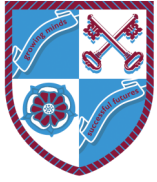
1. Do cut – now is a great time to mow your lawn (when the wet and frosty weather allows).
2. Lift the cuttings because wild flowers thrive on a low nutrient diet and put the cuttings under the hedge.
3. Put your mower away until August/September and let nature do the work (you can cut once a month if you really need to but then try a Mohican, short sides, and long in the middle).
4. Enjoy the buzz of your admiring neighbours. Post your pics on social media and send them into the school.
5. Cut again in August/September, remembering to remove the cuttings again and repeat next year for bigger and better results.

And, if it doesn't suit to do a whole garden, then even a square meter will give the bees a buzzing chance. Lets make this year's No Mow May bigger and better!



Portsmouth Water take part in No Mow May in over 50 sites!





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Sharp Ears Saves the Day

When Martin Hampton was on site working in the sensory garden he could hear the Mistle Thrush and Firecrest, both of which are endangered species of birds. After further inspection they were found nesting and happily living and visiting in the wildlife area to the left of the school. This area has been highlighted as possible area to house our temporary classrooms when we start our recladding later this year, however now that these birds have been discovered an alternative location will be found for the classrooms!

Sponsor a Tree in the Orchard

This year has been very hard on everyone so why not start 2021 with something positive which benefits our local community and environment by sponsoring one of our fruit trees and watch it grown and blossom over the years. Perhaps to celebrate the memory of a loved one or for your family we would love to hear from you. You can choose from Apple - £30, Pear - £40 or Apricot £50 and you will get the opportunity to plant the tree and place a plaque next to your tree.

For more information please contact admin@warblingtonschool.co.uk



Photo by James L G Year 10



Murals

Our Art Department are planning to paint murals on the walls of the Technology block to accompany the Art and Sensory garden. Here are a couple of research ideas from our students.



We are looking forward to seeing this space develop with cross department involvement. Watch this space!

Thank You for Reading!

We will be keeping you updated on the school's environmental projects, and if you are interested in knowing more or getting involved in any of our projects or have some great ideas of your own please contact the school on admin@warblingtonschool.co.uk as we would be very happy to hear from you.

Grainne Rason
Assistant Tree Planter

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