

Press Statement

Bruche Primary School Showcases Eco-Friendly Garden at RHS Tatton Show

We are thrilled to announce that the talented children of Bruche Primary School have created an inspiring small garden for this year's RHS Tatton Show, perfectly embodying the event's theme of "Grey to Green." Their innovative and environmentally-conscious design highlights the school's commitment to sustainability and creativity.

The garden features a beautifully constructed timber pergola, which is topped with planters containing an array of grasses, bringing a touch of natural elegance to the structure. This pergola not only provides shade but also serves as a practical element in the garden's water conservation efforts. Every drop of rainwater falling on the pergola is captured by a water butt, ensuring that not a single precious resource goes to waste.

Adding a charming and functional focal point, the children have repurposed a recycled metal dolly tub to create a unique solar water feature. This feature not only enhances the garden's aesthetic appeal but also emphasizes the importance of renewable energy sources.

Further showcasing their ingenuity and dedication to recycling, the students have constructed a bug hotel using recycled timber. This bug hotel provides a safe haven for beneficial insects, promoting biodiversity and supporting the garden's ecosystem.

A standout element of the garden is the custom-made stepping stones. Each child designed and crafted their own stepping stone, incorporating beautiful leaf impressions to create a personal and artistic touch. These stepping stones guide visitors through the garden, inviting them to explore and appreciate the various elements on display.

The Bruche Primary School garden is a testament to the creativity, hard work, and environmental stewardship of our young students. Their project not only beautifies the space but also serves as an educational tool, demonstrating sustainable gardening practices and the importance of turning "grey" spaces into "green" havens.

We invite everyone to visit our garden at the RHS Tatton Show and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students.

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Concept and Planning

Our garden project for the Tatton Flower Show started with a series of brainstorming sessions involving both students and teachers. The goal was to create a space that is not only aesthetically pleasing but also educational and environmentally friendly. The students were encouraged to think about sustainability, biodiversity, and water conservation as key elements of their design.

A large structure which is a home to our rainwater harvesting system will take centre stage. We have used a sloping roof to collect rainwater and then using rain chains the water will fill our barrel where children can then fill their watering cans to ensure our garden remains lush and green even during dry weather without relying on tap water.

Recycled and Reused Materials

Emphasizing the importance of recycling, the garden utilizes a variety of materials repurposed from around our school and after the flower show all parts of our display will be utilised within our school grounds ensuring nothing goes to waste.

Child-Designed Features

The students took charge of designing several key features of the garden:

Water Feature: Our children all insisted we had a water feature. We took inspiration from their designs and came up with a recycled dolly tub to showcase our beautiful water lilies which we have in abundance at school and a small solar pump water fountain which mirrors the pond in our school garden. The fountain not only adds a serene ambiance but also highlights the use of renewable energy.

Bug Hotel: Understanding the importance of insects in maintaining a healthy garden ecosystem, the students built a bug hotel using stacked wooden pallets filled with natural materials like bamboo, straw, and pinecones all of which were found on our school grounds. This structure provides a habitat for beneficial insects such as ladybirds, bees, and beetles, promoting pollination and pest control.

Plant Selection: The garden boasts a diverse selection of plants, all beautifully coloured to encourage pollinators to our garden.

Educational Impact

Throughout the project, students gained invaluable lessons in environmental science, teamwork, and problem-solving. They learned about the water cycle, the importance of biodiversity, and sustainable gardening practices. This project also fostered a sense of ownership and pride among the students, as they saw their ideas and efforts come to life in a tangible way.

Conclusion

Planning our Tatton flower show garden has brought different children together to work as a team through hands on learning. Over the past few months we have discussed the life cycle of plants, how rainwater harvesting works, how pollinators do their job and many other valuable lessons that hopefully our children will take through their lives.



