

Gardening Club News



Rainow gardeners have had another busy year despite the cold, wet and slug/snail infested summer. Over 30 children have taken part, gardening in the sun, rain, snow and hail!



Back in the Spring we sowed a Coronation wildflower garden with seeds from the King. Due to the cold weather it is only just coming into flower but it will provide vital food for butterflies, bees and all pollinators. We are planning to collect the seed in the Autumn to resow next year.

The sensory and pollinator bed is thriving, the vegetable bed has given us radishes with the onions, potatoes, salad and beans all still growing and we've had blackcurrants, gooseberries, rhubarb and strawberries from the soft fruit bed. Please feel free to harvest anything that is ready over the summer holidays if you are visiting school.

The wonderful Year 6 gardeners, Chloe, Ruby, Lily and Theo decided they wanted to reinstate an old wildlife pond near to the raised beds.

They have cleared a large area of land discovering plants we did not know we had, as well as finding toads, shrews and other wildlife. The project will continue next year and we thank them for all their hard work!

This year we joined Plant your Pants. Four pairs of pants were planted, one in each raised bed. We are 1 of only 2 schools in the North West to join the project. If the soil is healthy the pants disintegrate over 8 weeks leaving just the elastic and lace around the top and legs. The children dug ours up last week finding that 2 pairs were unchanged (we need to add more manure to these beds) and 2 pairs full of holes! We have reburied the ones that had not decomposed and plan to dig them up again in September.

Lastly, a very big thank you to Mr Margeson who installed a water butt for us this year. In the 10 days of summer we have had, it was invaluable and enabled the children to water the garden with ease.

Gardening Club will restart in September and will be open to all children in Years 1-6. We look forward to seeing you then and happy gardening over the summer!



