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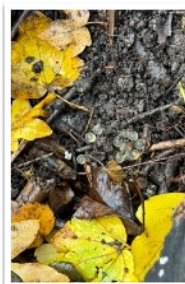
DARKER NIGHTS



With evenings darker earlier and somewhat colder, we all appreciate a good fire on those days. Our learners often have the opportunity to help light and tend the fire. Toasting marshmallows also keeps the cold at bay around a crackling fire. The charcoal is also great for art projects!

WOODLAND WILDLIFE

Autumn has provided us lots of wildlife to view at Forest Club and Forest School. We've seen cobwebs covered in foggy dew, super camo slugs on trees and some kind of eggs hidden on the ground among the leaf litter. Taking a closer look reveals all kinds of wonderful treasures from the natural world. Helping our learners to know about this, will help them foster an appreciation for all things wild!



PLEASE BE SEATED

Mr Couper has been hard at work at Lostock installing new bench seats at the fire circle. The Fire Circle has moved to a new location to enable us to have a larger covered area to meet in while keeping the elements out.

In addition to the new fire circle, we now have a dedicated equipment area (kit shelter) and covered work area with a work bench. Having dedicated zones helps define our working and meeting areas.

We also have installed a log store, made from upcycled pallet wood and tiles! Painted forest green, it blends in really well and provides an easily accessible place for our firewood.

All this further enhances our offering of Forest School and ensures we're able to offer all our learners the very best experiences in the woods.

One more upcycling project we're currently working on is a mud kitchen for Lostock. Hopefully to be in service soon, the plan is to have a functioning sink and work station for all kinds of mud play. Looking forward to warmer days!





DRAGONFLY ART

A special art piece was made this term featuring the dragonfly. Our learners had a large wood cookie, a twig, some dog berries and sycamore seeds. We used glue and paint to decorate the wings once in place for a golden dragonfly. While often found near water, dragonflies and damselflies are important to ecosystems in their contribution to pest control, being good environmental indicators to the health of aquatic ecosystems and a part of the food chain. And while we mainly see them in warmer months, it's always a good reminder to see fauna from our woodlands.



Our Y6 learners at St Paul's have been putting palm drills and their artistic skills to good use making Christmas decorations and necklaces.

FUN IN FOREST SCHOOL

Here's a selection of images from this last term of Forest School and Club...



Match strikers, bonfire inspired building and mushroom making .

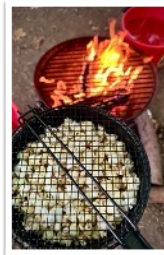


Our new log store at Lostock and bonfire inspired fire art.

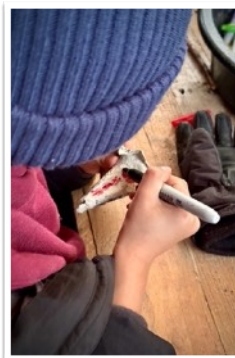


← Foggy autumn days are awesome!

Water flow experiments



Open fire cooking is always a firm favourite. This term we have toasted marshmallows and tired our hand at making campfire popcorn - YUM! We always finish of the term with pancakes, possibly our top FS food as voted by learners.



Our egg carton mushrooms provided an opportunity to talk all things fungi and their important work in the woodland as decomposers and the role they play in rot.

