



Pocket Garden Stories 2018



Our Pocket Garden theme for 2018 was the Sustainable Development Goals.

A Pocket Garden is a miniature garden that uses edible plants, plants that attract wildlife, and that reuses something which would otherwise have been thrown away.

Each year, we invite young people from schools across Scotland to send in their designs for a colourful and exciting environmentally friendly, pocket-sized garden. Pupils who send in the winning designs are then invited to build and grow their gardens to display.

[Winner: 2018 One Planet Picnic Theme](#)
Corsehill Primary School

[Winner: 2018 Best Garden for Wildlife](#)
Cowgate Under 5s

[Joint Winners: 2018 My Favourite Garden Public Vote](#)
Corsehill Primary School & Larbert Day Nursery

[Winner: 2018 Best Garden Global Goals Theme](#)
Mill O'Forest Primary School

Bun-Sgoil Stafainn

8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



Global Goal 8: Decent Work & Economic Growth

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. Bun-Sgoil Stafainn remembers coastal industry and community ties to the sea for food and employment.



Local history - Clyde Puffer



Garden story



Lobster creel

Every garden has a story to tell about the people who helped make it, the challenges faced, solutions found, lessons learned and the unexpected pleasures along the way. Here is Bun-Sgoil Stafainn's story in their own words.

Wrecked! Here's the story of the wreck of a Clyde Puffer that foundered in 1919 during a storm in Staffin Bay. It's a reminder of coastal industry and our ties to the sea for food and employment.

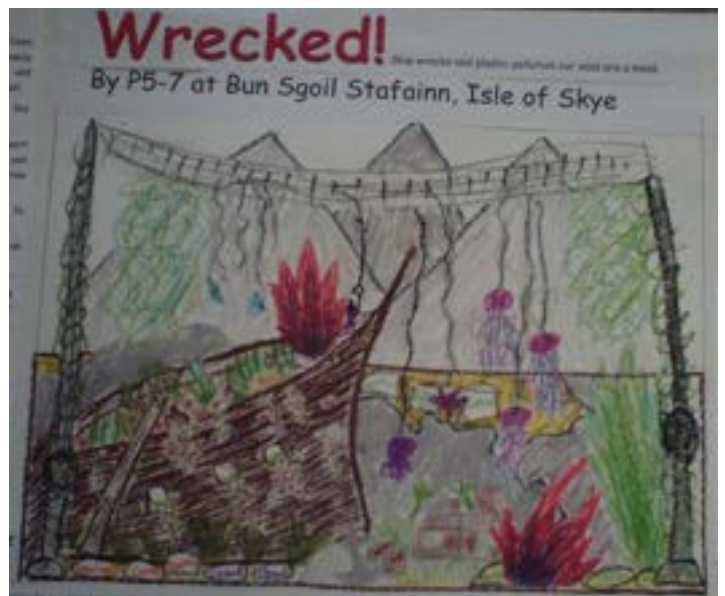
We were very busy planting and growing. It was challenging with such a cold spring and our seedlings took much longer than usual to germinate.

We also had a disaster in our poly tunnel, being caught out by a much colder night than we expected and our first set of beans did not survive although the peas did. We quickly planted more beans and put them in a hot classroom to germinate faster.

This worked and we were able to pot them on successfully!

Our garden props came from far and wide including 2 fishing rods which travelled all the way from South Uist on the ferry by themselves.

The community were very supportive and donated all the items that we need to showcase our coastal heritage.



Old fishing rope



Caring for plants



Found shells

Corsehill Primary School

Winner: 2018 Best Garden, One Planet Picnic Theme

Joint Winner: 2018 My Favourite Garden Public Vote



Goal 1: No Poverty

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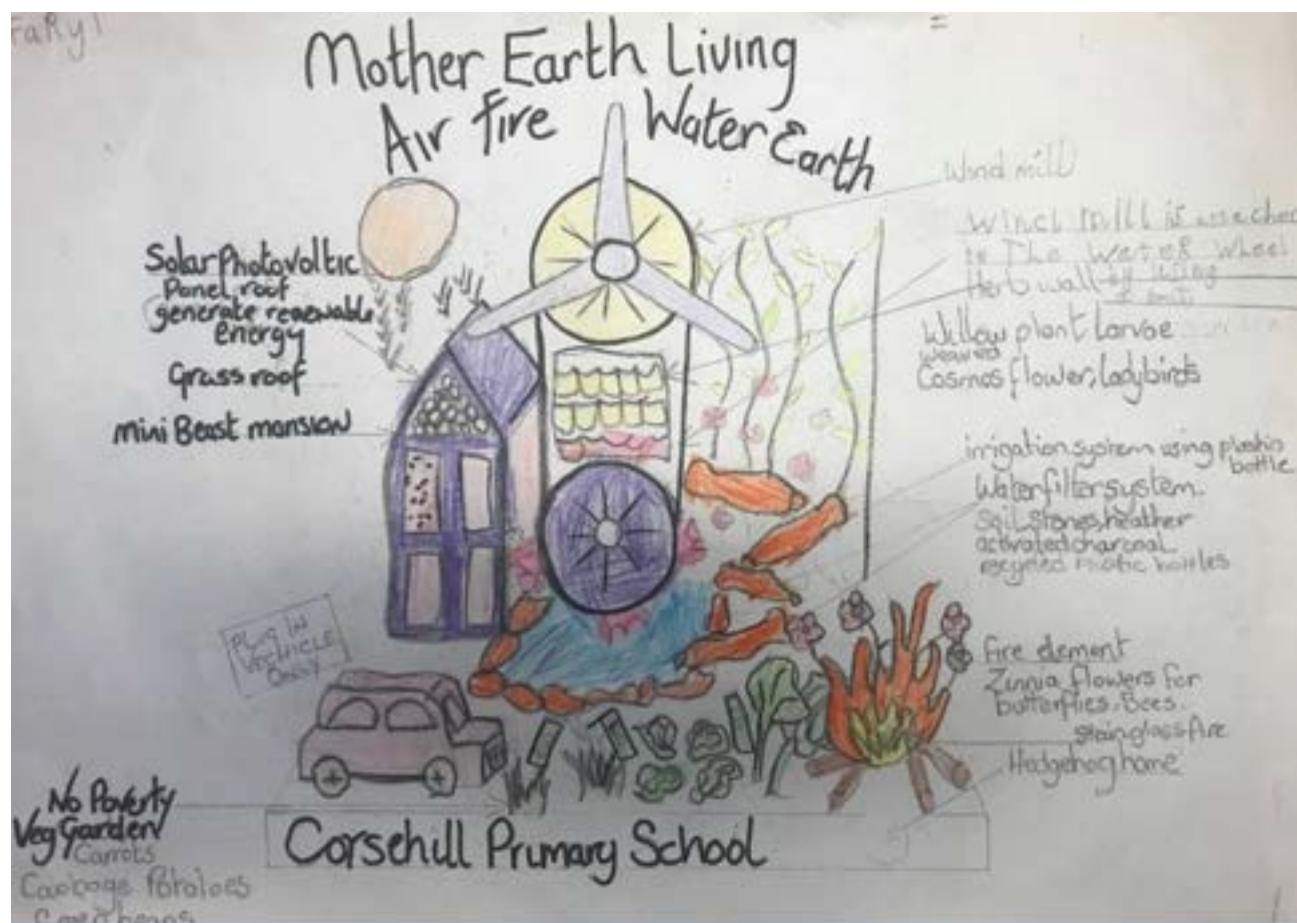
Insect hotel



Electric cars only



Water feature



Cowgate Under 5s

Winner: 2018 Best Garden for Wildlife



Goal 15: Life on Land

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Bottle cap decorations



Native plants



Willow border

Learning naturally. Inspired by plants that the children see growing wild in their outdoor spaces, this celebration of life on land is populated by minibeasts and has food for people and wildlife including, nettles and wild strawberries.

Here is Cowgate Under 5s Pocket Garden Story in their own words.
Cowgate's Pocket Garden connects children's experience of native plants and wildlife from our nature kindergarten site at Bonaly, with our city centre nursery garden.

We are using plants already growing at nursery as well as newly bought native plants that match those seen in the wild and which will transfer to our garden after the show.

Nursery staff are donating plants grown at home and we have sourced the pallets and wood through a play charity and beach combing. Children have been decorating the garden structure using recycled material.

They have been keeping plants watered and have repotted some using our wormery compost.

We have Lottery funding to develop our nursery garden and create community planters in a public space.

We have grown and selected plants for the Pocket Garden that will be replanted in our own garden, which will feed our community and attract wildlife to the heart of the city.

We have selected plants that we see and experience in our different nursery outdoor experiences, which can feed people or wildlife including "jaggy" nettles and poisonous Foxgloves and wild strawberries. We have also used compost created by our wormery and compost bin. We have grown plants from seeds in our greenhouse or source plants locally at Inch Nursery.



Watering plants



Newspaper bedding



Homemade compost



Building the base

Cowie Primary School

17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. Cowie Primary School's Pocket Garden looks at relationships between all the Goals.



Painted base



Reused containers



Pupils' artwork

Big goals for bugs! A garden of 17 Global Goals for happy minibeasts works beautifully to remind us of the aims of the Global Goals for people. Which is your favourite?

After celebrating our success, we began looking at our design against the judges tips!

We all agreed to try and alter our base, but wanted to keep our S shape and a circle base. We needed to get our thinking caps on!

Our teacher found an old unwanted foot stool which we have used to make our base- now it can even spin!



We chose to put our bug house at the base so all the bugs can work together to build their community working in partnership to become ultimate 'global bug goals'!

We began planting seedlings for our garden and kept them in a mini greenhouse, but as you can see by our chives some over grew, but we are giving their 'crazy hair' a trim to make sure they are smart for show day!

We have been upcycling materials for our garden structure; such as our amazing painted pots, which were old plastic pots found in our school shed, a plastic bottle for the bird feeder and old plastic bags for our jelly fish. We were also very lucky to have a local builder find a buddleia growing in someone's gutter, which is now going fabulously and taking pride of place on top of our structure for all the bugs to enjoy!



Haircut time!



Jellyfish



Another jellyfish



Painting pots

Easdale Primary School

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. This Pocket Garden from Easdale Primary School focuses on the legacy of industry.





Bird house and welcome signs



Milk bottle planters



Painted rocks

The Isle of Seil in miniature with its features including the famous Clachan 'Bridge over the Atlantic' and vegetables as food forests. Here's Easdale Primary School's Pocket Garden Story in their own words.



The children of Easdale school want to have the Clachan Bridge, or Bridge over the Atlantic, as it has joined Seil to the Scottish mainland for over 200 years. The Bridge was built in 1792 with a single high arch to allow vessels to pass underneath. In early summer a rare plant, the Fairy Foxglove, covers the stoneworks with a haze of small, purple flowers.

Just past the bridge lies the Tigh an Truish pub. The name translates from the Gaelic as House of the Trousers and refers to the time after the Jacobite rising of 1745 when the kilt was banned. Islands would change into trousers here before crossing to the mainland.

The children discussed the plants they wanted because they wanted things that could be eaten such as rhubarb and herbs. During our recent outdoor education days they have learned more about local plants including sorrel and now would like to try growing some for the garden.

Our P1-4 class have been learning about how plants grow and have planted radishes and beans to study root development. We are hoping these starts can be transplanted to pots for our garden. The signpost was chosen because there is a signpost on Easdale Island with arrows and mileage pointing to locations around the world.



Watering plants



Building the base



Taking shape

First Step Nursery

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. Children at First Steps Nursery focus on improving health and well-being with their Pocket Garden.



Planting in a teapot



Thoughts from children



Beautiful flowers

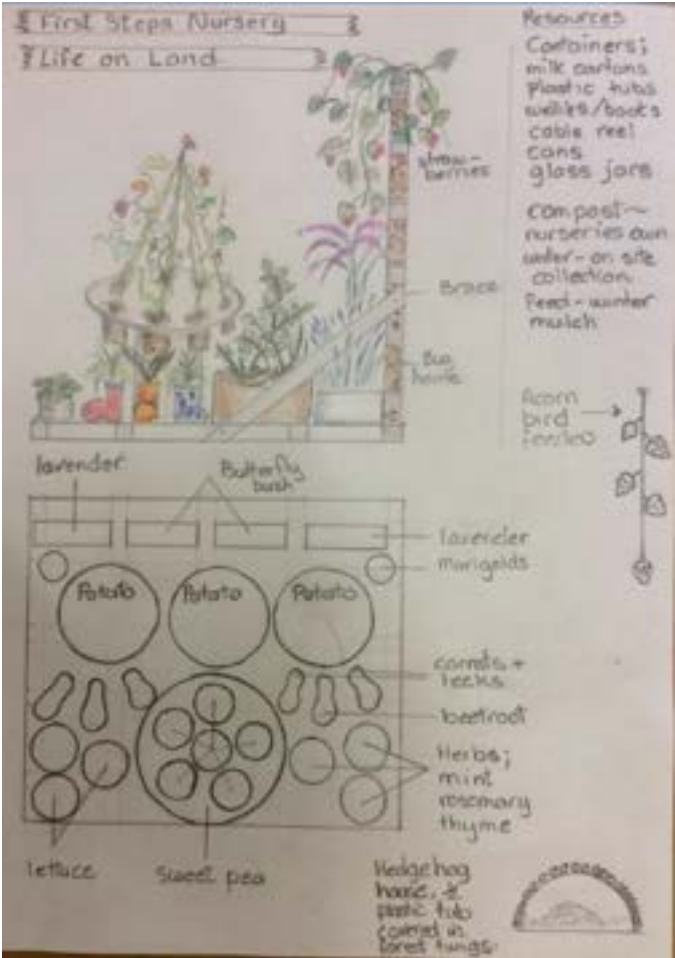
Not your normal vegetable plot, edibles and plants for wildlife intermingle in lush profusion. Your vegetable plot can look beautiful as well as bountiful: a recipe for happy, healthy living. Here, children from First Steps Nursery tell their Pocket Garden Story in their own words.

The children have had a great time preparing the pallet garden, from sowing the seeds and taking them home to nurture them, planting them up helping them to grow, learning about the supporting eco systems and how nature works in harmony.

As you will see from our photos the children have been hands on developing and sourcing the resources required for the design.

Things that have proved a bit more difficult for our novice gardeners is growing plants from seed, sourcing some of the plants in the design and getting them to grow with the poor weather that we have had this spring.

It has been a great learning project for the children and has sparked their interest in birds, bees and insects as well as gardening.



Watering new plants



Planning out the base



Filling bottles to plant

Glenwood Family Centre

1 NO
POVERTY



Goal 1: No Poverty

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. Glenwood Family Centre's garden imagines a world without poverty.

Glenwood's Foodbank is full of food they have grown. The children say, "If you don't have any food, you can come and take some food from this garden". Little ones showing us how to share and build a world with no poverty. Here is Glenwood's Pocket Garden Story in their own words.



Please take what you
need



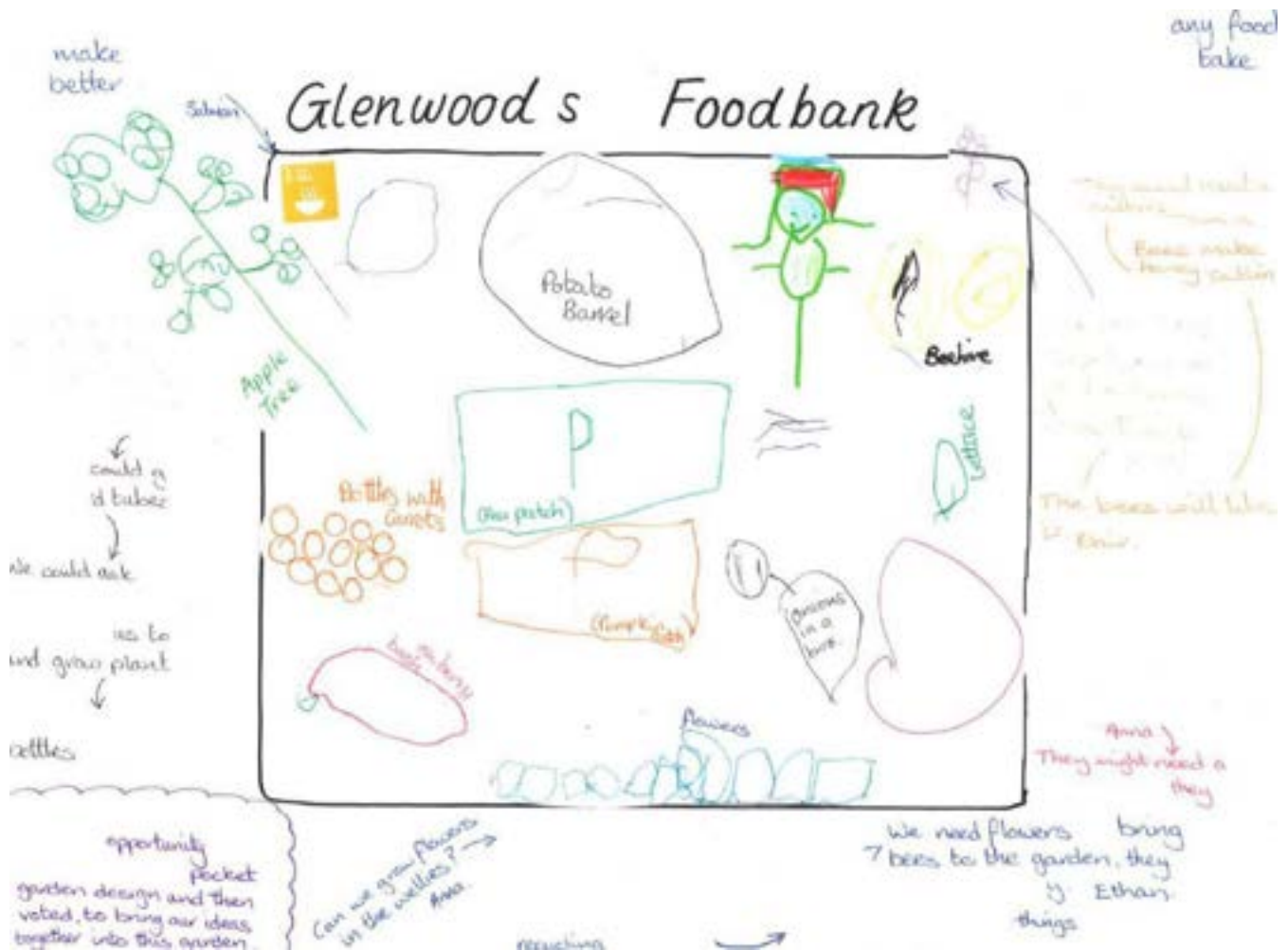
At Gardening Scotland



Wellies used as
planters



Learning about reusing



At Glenwood we have been learning about Global Goals and the children voted to have a garden where people could pick food if they didn't have any. They talked about how they would feel if they didn't have money to buy food and realised they could grow their own food.

The whole nursery came up with different ideas and we voted for the things we thought would be most important for our 'Glenwood's Foodbank'. Our children said:

"We need a scarecrow so the birds don't eat the seeds and the plants can grow."

"We used old wood and recycled some material to make a skirt for the scarecrow."

"I was planting the pumpkins beside the pea patch because they are getting bigger and bigger. If we grow big pumpkins we could give them to people who don't have any and maybe they could make pumpkin pie."

"Our plants need lots of water so they grow."

“We put the wee corn things into the soil and gave them water that we collected in the garden. Now they have grown into green leaves to make corn and then we can make popcorn.”

“We are making the tins into something else and reusing them. We are using the tins to make pots for our plants to grow. That is recycling to stop the planet being smelly.”

“We look at the plants to see how much they are growing and see if they need water.”



Building the base



Checking on the plants



Plants need water

Grove Academy

13 CLIMATE
ACTION



Goal 13: Climate Action

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. "Think Global, Act Local" is a pathway to a sustainable world from 2018 to 2030. It reminds us that our daily choices and actions have impacts beyond ourselves and can work to reduce climate change.



"THINK GLOBAL ACT LOCAL" - Garden Design (One Planet Pocket Garden 2018)





Think Global Act Local



Succulent plants



Native flowers



Building the base



Arranging plants



Gardening Scotland



Lots of greenery

Hillwood Primary School

16 PEACE AND JUSTICE
STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. Soak up the scents and sounds from this sensory garden promoting peace and justice. Inspired by zen gardens, it's carefully arranged features are tied together by rippling patterns.



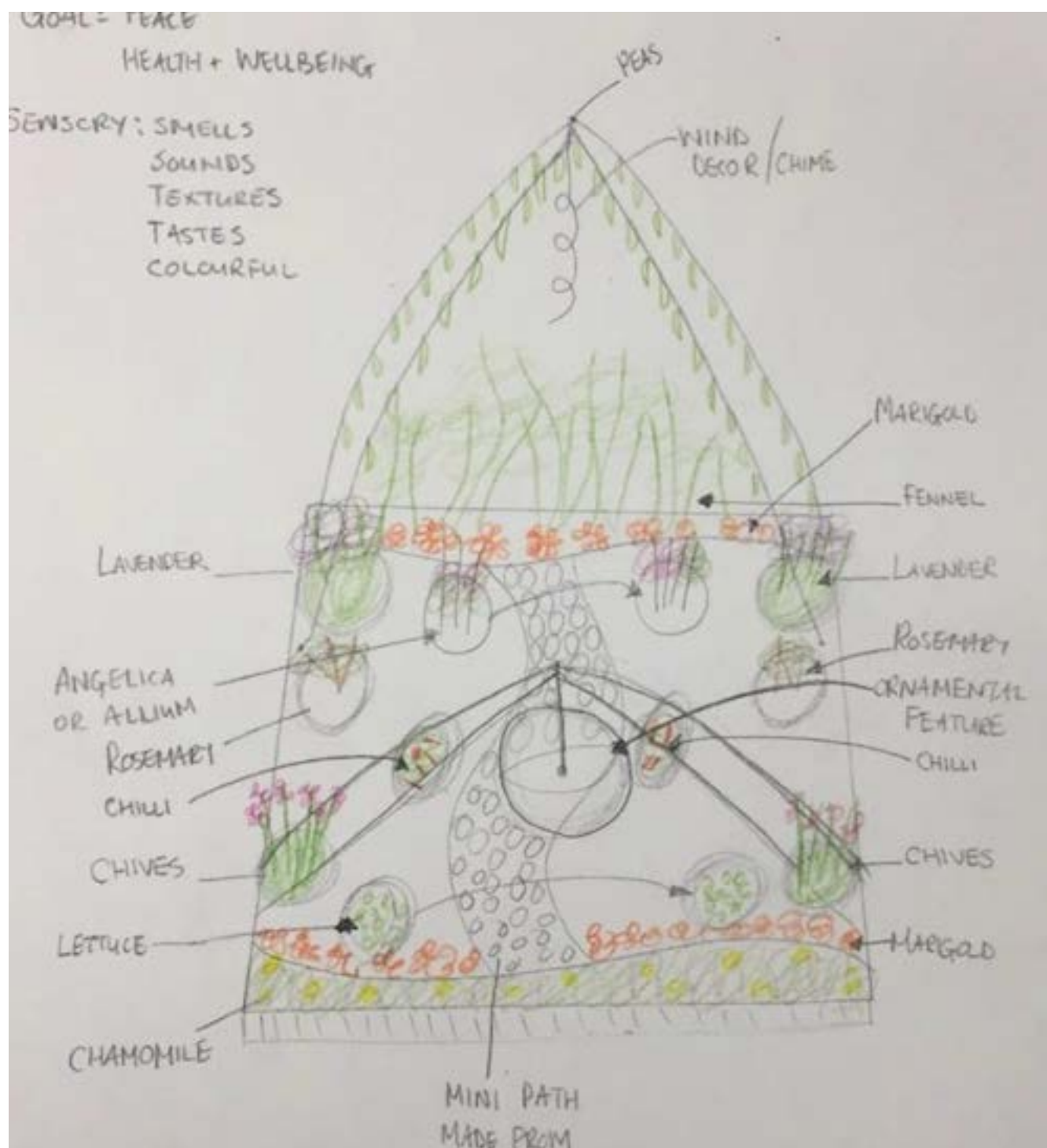
Found shells



Plants for food



Plants for wildlife



Kemnay Academy

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities

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Bug hotel



Reused pots



Plants for pollinators

Here's Kemnay Academy's Pocket Garden Story in their own words.



We created our garden based on the buildings in Singapore, as they are helping the environment by integrating plants. We found our basic design to be uninteresting; it looked too plain and felt too clinical. We wanted to add something to make it look more charismatic.



Drawing the bunting



Seedlings growing



Bunting design

We noticed that the tubing made it look like a helter skelter, so we stuck with the theme of fun. A garden centre in Aberdeenshire gladly agreed to donate plants to our project. They get their plants from the local area and had lots of ideas to help us. A member of the local bee keeping group has also been very helpful and has given us ideas about design and how to arrange our plants.

A challenge we experienced was when other classes did not respect our plants and put them in bright sun. We worked hard to let them know why it was important that our plants could grow well and they began to help us by watering and growing more plants. We have really enjoyed this project and feel very proud of our design and how it is working out. Lots of teachers and pupils have been to look at our work and to offer advice and help.

Kilpatrick School

2 ZERO
HUNGER



Goal 2: Zero Hunger

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. A zero hunger scarecrow stands guard over these food crops. Seasonal soft fruits, climbing vegetables and Scottish grains grow alongside plants for pollinators. Hanging crystals create rainbows like the one on Kilpatrick School's badge.





Zero Hunger



Beadwork insects



Pallet planters



Kinneil Primary School

14 LIFE BELOW
WATER

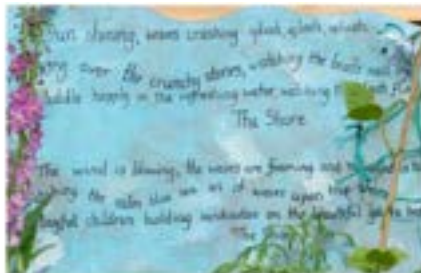


Goal 14: Life Below Water

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Layered pallet planters



Beautiful poetry



Keep the ocean clean!

Kinnoull Primary School

15

LIFE
ON LAND



Goal 15: Life On Land

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Lolly stick labels



Bug hotel in the base



School logo pennant

Here is Kinnoull Primary School's Pocket Garden Story in their own words

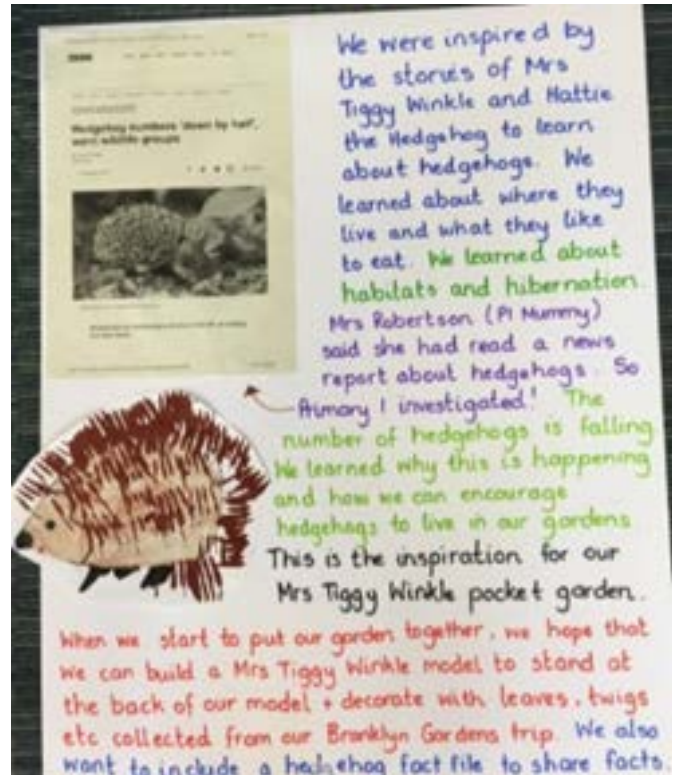
Mrs Tiggy Winkle's garden is a window onto life on land from a hedgehog's viewpoint. There's a wormery, a hedgehog house and a snail sanctuary, all with easy access for a hedgehog.

Primary 1's 'Mrs Tiggy Winkle's Pocket Garden is a picnic and home for local wildlife.

The P1 Garden Detectives have developed their skills across many curricular areas and we hope to use these to develop the school grounds.

We have learned about plants and local wildlife.

We even had our own caterpillars which we cared for, studied and then released as butterflies into the school grounds. We hope that our Pocket Garden will attract other wildlife and inspire others to do the same in their own gardens.



Alastair from Gannochy Trust helped us to weave willow to make fences for our Pocket Garden and hedgehog hotels to attract local wildlife.

We have learned about what plants need to grow and we have planted lots of seeds for our garden and some in the school grounds.

Primary 1 have visited local gardens, Branklyn Gardens over the past few months. We have learned lots on our visits about trees, ponds, flowers and local wildlife. We even made a huge bug hotel and helped to put up bird boxes.



Knightswood Secondary School

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Bridge



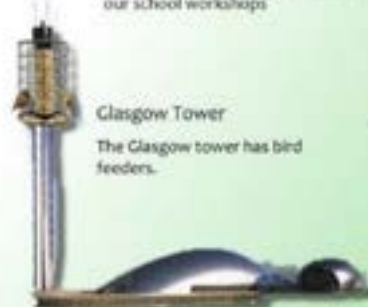
Finnieston Crane



Glasgow Tower

POCKET GARDEN 2018

We will model each of the Landmarks in our school workshops



Glasgow Tower
The Glasgow tower has bird feeders.



Finnieston crane

The Finnieston crane will have a bug hotel in it.



Theme: WILDLIFE GARDENING
OUR GARDEN HAS A RANGE OF FLOWERS TO ENCOURAGE WILDLIFE. WE HAVE BASED OUR DESIGN ON LOCAL CLYDE LANDMARKS

Our Garden will have lots of the flowers which we have discovered will help encourage bees, butterflies, birds and insects

- To increase enjoyment and understanding of biodiversity
- To support action by gardeners for the benefit of biodiversity
- To promote the benefits of gardening for health and well-being



Glasgow Hydro

The Hydro will be filled with flowers for e.g.:

Lavenders

Glasgow Armadillo

The armadillo will have honey suckle and snapdragon.



Setting up at Gardening Scotland



Last few touches

Larbert Day Nursery

Joint Winner: 2018 My Favourite Garden Public Vote

4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



Goal 4: Quality Education

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. Join Larbert Day Nursery for a picnic in the deep, dark wood and see what woodland creatures you can spot, including a famous fictional character. Stories that connect us to the world are part of quality education.



The Gruffalo



Planted grass



Containers reused for planting

Here is the Pocket Garden Story from Larbert Day Nursery in their own words.

In January 2018 we visited Hogan's Fine Food Company within our local community. Our pre-school children purchased fruit and learned about the different varieties of locally sourced produce and its importance.

The babies planted grass seeds, wildflowers and carrots, and also made models from recycled bottles and cups. Our 2-3 year old children planted beans and onions. Our 3-4 year old children created a hairy caterpillar and snake from recycled clothes.

Our 4-5 year old children also planted carrots, chives and nasturtiums and are helping to construct the Gruffalo from natural resources collected on walks to the local woods.

We have been very fortunate to receive some donations of items, plants and practical support from parents, grandparents and carers, some of which have been able to help with growing and sourcing different plants and helping with the construction of our bug hotels and securing the pallet.

Here at Larbert Day Nursery we have all been very excited to be involved in this project and we intend to continue to develop our Pocket Garden and link it with our evidence for our [Eco-Schools Green Flag Award](#).



Babies planting grass



Building the base



Watering the plants

Laurieston Day Nursery

7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. Where in the world? Edible plants from around the world are growing in a globe according to their country of origin. The globe garden sits within our solar system, powered by the light of the sun.



Here is the Pocket Garden Story from Laurieston Day Nursery in their own words.



Children made labels



The Sun



Garden story on display

Preschool children at Lauriston Nursery in Dunfermline have designed a garden that explores what country food has originated from.

The children created a mind map to share their ideas on food around the world and what they would like to grow in our world garden. From their ideas we have learned about countries around the world and found out what produce originates in each place.

The children helped to design a Pocket Picnic garden to incorporate a range of vegetables and herbs from across the world. The centre of our design includes a metal globe frame which supports a selection of plant pots and containers where our herbs and vegetables will grow.



Planting seeds

Logierait Primary School

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Butterfly made of flowers



Bottle caps for water



Houses and archway

Here is Logierait Primary School's Pocket Garden Story in their own words.

Our design is of a “Fairy Garden” and connects to the global goal of “Life on Land”. Some of the challenges we faced were making the rope bridges, because they kept falling apart! We used bottle tops as stoppers. We also had to think about where the plants were going , so that they weren't touching. We had to alter the scale of almost everything – some things stayed the same – so that it all worked out compared to the original design. Now we just need some Fairies!



Building the bridge



Tying knots



Arranging colours



Textures

The materials used for the garden are sourced locally or reused. The stones are from the riverbank and the plants are all from seed or cuttings, from plants we already have as part of our butterfly rearing project. They include: buddleia, aubretia, garlic mustard, ladies smock and nettle, all of which are food plants for the caterpillars of orange tip, comma, small tortoiseshell, peacock and red admiral butterflies, which live in our area.

The heather has been bought from a local nursery, from whom we have purchased plug plants in the past. The Fairies' vegetable garden was sown from seed, with miniature varieties of lettuce. We used fallen logs from our Green Room where they have naturally fallen to construct the houses and have access to a local sawmill for offcuts if we need them.

The stream is made reused blue milk bottle tops. The willow for the archway was grown in our school grounds. The wire butterfly will be made from chicken wire and planted with marigolds (we plant them between carrots to discourage carrot fly) and other plants to resemble an orange tip.



MacDuff Primary School

14 LIFE BELOW
WATER



Goal 14: Life Below Water

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Boat shaped base



Colourful fish



Labels made from rocks

Every garden has a story to tell about the people who helped make it, the challenges faced, solutions found, lessons learned and the unexpected pleasures along the way. Here is Macduff Primary School's Pocket Garden Story in their own words.

Every garden should make happy memories and our garden is creating lasting memories for all pupils in P4a.

They are so very proud of all their design work, planting and construction that they are all going to attend Gardening Scotland. Macduff has a rich coastal history of fishing which is celebrated in 'Picnic at Sea'.

The community got behind us to support us with old fishing supplies that could be used for the garden. Split buoys have been made into planters and old lobster creel became a cage to protect the strawberries from the birds.

Our original boat was too big for the pallet so a local joiner came to the rescue and made a boat shape from old fish boxes which the children have sanded down and filled with soil for our plants.



Caring for plants



Painting the base



Arranging the plants

The children enjoyed painting our pallet using VOC free paint. Pupils planted most of the seeds in March, indoors, using toilet roll tubes and recycled pots. Our peat free compost and soil was sourced locally.

We have successfully grown salad vegetables which will be ready before summer holidays for our One Planet Picnic at sea. Our beans and peas are beginning to flower and will be clambering up the fishing net. Our strawberry plants are thriving and protected by the creel.

Spring onions, carrots and beetroot are hardening off outside. We strangely had a little trouble with our radishes this year! The lovely blue forget-me-nots are just beginning to flower which make a lovely sea of blue colour. We are happy to represent the Goal 14: Life Below Water.

Mill O'Forest Primary School

Winner: 2018 Best Garden Global Goals Theme



Goal 5: Gender Equality

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Painted rocks & bottle planters

Signs made by pupils

Educate, Work, Live





Noblehill Primary School

14 LIFE BELOW
WATER



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Drawings of marine life



Green roof for pollinators



Whale model

Here is Noblehill Primary School's Pocket Garden Story in their own words.

The wishing well was made for us by the members of the local Men's Shed and we have used scraps of materials throughout the process.

We have found that the living roof has been a little challenging but think that we have solved the problems now. We started with a layer of waterproofing then a layer of moisture retaining fabric.

We then made up a mix of compost and vermiculite, with a little moisture retaining gel added.

This was mixed with water until it was a consistency that would stick to the roof.



The children spread it on to the roof and the whole thing was covered in a piece of mesh and stapled in place. We then cut little slits in the mesh, made holes with the end of a paintbrush and popped in the sedum and thyme plants.

Our pallet is divided into two areas, one planted with blue lobelia and cornflowers to represent the sea and the other half will represent land. The wishing well has stones inside it with messages and wishes written on them with our thoughts and hopes about looking after the environment on them. The backboard displays children's artwork showing life under the sea as they would like to see it.



Building the green roof



Taking shape



Adding plants to the roof

The area representing the land is where we have planted food for us to eat including asparagus, lettuce, strawberries and salad leaves. These will be used as part of the menu for our One Planet Picnic.

This garden will become part of a larger display which will be used at the entrance to the school. There will be an information board on the wall behind it to explain our ideas to everyone who visits the school. We feel that our design links well to the Global Goals especially Goal 14, Life Below Water.

Pinewood School



Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. Food and drink are traded globally including our daily cuppa. Brew up some new ideas about what we could produce and consume in the future with this garden all about tea. Nettle tea anyone?





Time for tea



Dandelions and Roses



Signs marking herbs



Summerside Kindergarten

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities

Each Pocket Garden celebrates one of the seventeen Global Goals. The Goals aim to protect our planet and improve the lives of people everywhere. A home for everyone. This home, built from driftwood, has space for birds, bats and bugs. Planted with plants attractive to wildlife and edible for people, it provides a welcome for all.



Pipe cleaner butterflies



Lavender



Painted garden base

Here is Summerside Kindergarten's Pocket Garden Story in their own words.

The design of this pallet sized garden comes from our nursery school allotment where the children cultivate many varieties of plants and learn about environmental issues.

The children love exploring wildlife that lives in and around the garden. This year, the children planted flowers for pollinators and are creating different habitats for biodiversity.

We have made bird nesting boxes, a cosy bug hotel and installed a bat house in the Spring. Our planting will provide edible foods for us and the friendly creatures we share our allotment with.

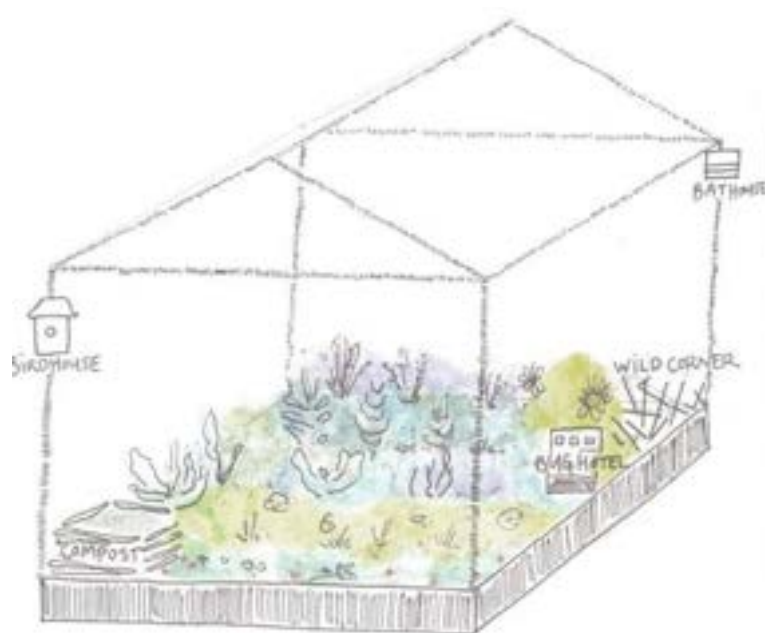
In the allotment and in our pallet garden we hope to make a home for wildlife. The children grew the majority of plants from seed in the nursery allotment.

After the show the plants will be transplanted into allotment beds. The structure is made of a reused pallet base and decorated driftwood house shaped frame anchored into the pallet to secure it.



A HOME FOR WILDLIFE

our nursery school allotment
summerside kindergarten, Edinburgh



The pallet is made into a box, lined and filled with soil. The plants have been planted directly into the soil. A few props made by the children have been added as well such as a compost heap inside a woven willow box.

At our allotment, the children have been active sowing seeds for the Pocket Garden, observing the different shapes, sizes, colour and texture of each type. As they cared for the growing seedlings, they noticed that a hungry snail had been nibbling on the leaves. We made a garlic 'tea' to spray on the leaves so they don't taste as nice.

We also decided to make a hedgehog shelter out of a recycled planter. This new home might entice the hedgehogs to stay and feast on unwanted bugs and so keep our plants healthy!



Arranging plants in the base



Adding compost



Finishing touches



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