

Nithsdale Road Nursery



Children at Nithsdale Road Nursery have involved community groups and nearby schools in their work on Litter and School Grounds.

Litter

Through participation in the Wrigley Litter Less Campaign the children hand delivered leaflets asking the local community to complete a litter survey accessed via the nursery school website. The results from the survey enabled them to identify areas where litter was a problem. They then arranged a big litter pick with parents, staff and children to clean up the area and managed to collect 35kg of litter. As part of transition to Primary School, children meet with St Albert's Primary pupils to introduce the children to their buddies and they litter pick together in the nearby park.

School Grounds

Children work along side a local business called Sowing Seeds. Along with parent helpers, Sowing Seeds have helped the nursery children build an allotment, a minibeast hotel, compost heaps, loose play area and raised beds, as well as connecting a water butt, planting apple trees, and planting an outdoor classroom willow structure. Nursery staff use these resources as part of teaching and Learning for Sustainability. Kerrie, from Sowing Seeds, provided workshops for parents on planting and worked with the children raising awareness of the Hedgehog Street initiative, through a leaflet drop with children providing homes and tunnels for hedgehogs in the school grounds.

“Our eco work is now completely embedded in our practice. We are proud of what we have achieved and our reputation as a place to visit to see very good practice is growing around the city. Sustainability will continue to be a key feature of our practice and it is anticipated with the introduction of forest kindergarten and our increased work outwith the nursery and with the extended community Nithsdale Road will continue to go from strength to strength in our Green Flag journey.”

The nursery also welcomed a group of young people from Glasgow Clyde College taking part in the Prince's Trust Development Programme who worked hard tidying the garden for the Spring and doing outdoor maintenance. As well as gaining a qualification, it is hoped that working with the community will support young people with lifelong skills, and give them a sense of achievement.