

## Our Pocket Garden Story - Noblehill Primary School



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.

**Global Goal 14: Life Below Water** - A wishing well is made into a home for wildlife on land. It represents our pupils' 'Wishes for Fishes' - cleaner seas, less plastic and healthy oceans. What do you wish for?

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. 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.

