

School Council Meeting – Jan 2025

To discuss/develop ideas about Nature Parks/school grounds

An intro to Nature Parks and its principles given by JM & JF (Y8)

They explained the key strands and what ideas they had already formulated

School Councillors then worked in small groups to develop ideas that could lead to more sustainability in school and contribute to our development and use of school grounds

Ideas that were developed:

- Friendship/form gardens this could be developed by adding edging to stop the mud being spread.
- Giving form members the opportunity in form times to go into form gardens and manage them (rota for form members that want opportunity) wellbeing form time?
- Tyre area to be redeveloped replacing chippings to make more sustainable for future, using sleepers as edging for wood chippings, using tyres as planters.
- Adding more bird boxes around the buildings and bird feeders.
- Create a wellbeing area near new library like the hub but outside people can go at lunch/break, read book from library and just be outside possibly have some kind of shelter area there too.
- Having a herb garden/fruit trees/vegetables so that the produce can be used by canteen gardeners can maintain these.
- Making the garden accessible to all showing people how and when to go to certain areas of garden.
- Protect the fish ponds with netting.
- Bins/recycling more and easy to access.
- Activities for lunch times that involve our grounds/garden eg. Scavenger hunt which can be done in small groups.
- Discussion of how various subjects can utilise the outdoor space within curriculum (e.g. looking at various habitats in science and considering range of species).
- Hide for birdwatching.
- Potting shed so the gardening activities can be resumed.
- Form bug houses.
- More seating in friendship garden and other areas.

Fantastic cross-year group work from the councillors who attended and thank you for all the form contributions.

More information about how pupils can become involved in the development of the Nature Park principles will be coming soon – keep an e

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