



Dorset Gardens Trust Schools



Our 14th e-newsletter

A busy term and some ideas for the new year, welcome to the DGT e-newsletter!

In this edition:

- News of the increase in the grant available for your school- £500!
- Our new Book Review section AND the opportunity to win the book for your school
- MORE useful links about school gardening

TWILIGHT SESSION IN DORCHESTER

We organised another very successful Twilight Training session for teachers in the Dorchester / Weymouth area on November 15th with 15 teachers. We are most grateful for the team at The Prince of Wales School for hosting the event.



The comments we had included:

'Thank you so much for such a positive and enthusiastic presentation last night.'

'So good to meet other teachers who have a passion for helping children achieve their potential and getting them to realise the joy of gardening'

We would love to hear from YOU if you would like us to arrange a Twilight teaching session in your area. We hope to organise one in the North Dorset area in the spring.

email schools@dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk

MORE USEFUL LINKS

GARDEN ORGANIC - check out the website run by Ryton Garden
www.gardenorganic.org.uk

PERFECT FOR POLLINATORS - when planning your planting for next year get ideas from www.rhs.org.uk/perfectforpollinators and get your garden buzzing!



You could set up a Nectar Bar in your garden to attract bees like this one in Harlow Carr.

And if your interest is in BATS -Get a copy of 'Stars of the Night'
www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk who also give information about attracting worms to your garden.

We do encourage you, if you are not yet in the RHS School Gardening Scheme - it is free to join and you get a welcome pack and regular e-mails with excellent ideas and information, to apply today! In the latest edition you can learn about how to raise money using the school garden and there is a competition to design a show garden for Tatton Park. Also remember that the DGT can sponsor a member of your school to go on an RHS Training Course in our competition All we want you to do is write to us saying:

'How my school will benefit from an RHS schools gardening course'

- just 200 words please.

Applications please to schools@dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk

Another website we have discovered is www.theschoolrun.com

Which gives information and work sheets about gardening and suitable activities for each year group.

In the next newsletter we will be announcing who has been appointed the DGT Schools Garden Ambassador for 2019 with a personal prize of £100 - watch this space!

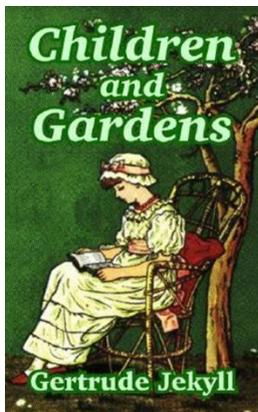
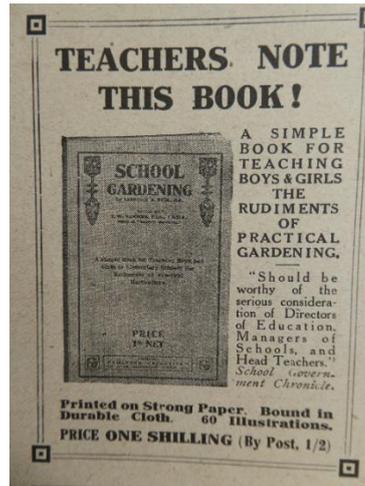
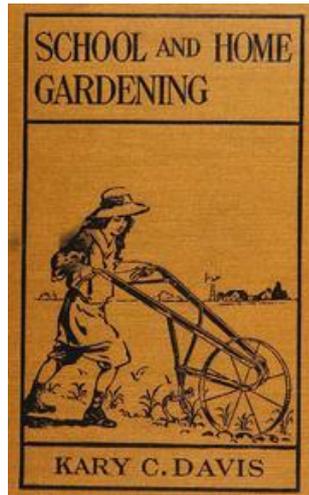
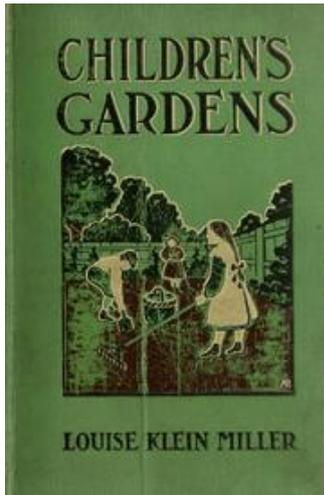
GARDENING IN SCHOOLS

You all belong to a wonderful band of teachers and helpers who have promoted gardening in schools down the centuries so we have put together a small gallery of photos to celebrate your work.

THE HISTORY OF GARDENING IN SCHOOLS



At the beginning of the 20th century, more books about school gardens and gardening for children were published



This one was written by Gertrude Jekyll in 1908



In some schools only boys were taught gardening while the girls did needlework



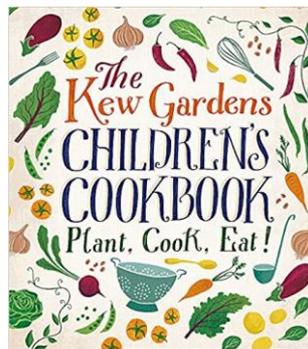
School gardens became invaluable during WW1 to provide food for the schools and the parents and also vegetables were grown and sent to hospitals for wounded soldiers



And thanks to you all, school gardens are still flourishing

FINALLY!

We have a copy of the excellent book



This will help AND inspire you in your vegetable garden, very good advice and recipes. To win a copy please send us details, written or a photo, of what you have grown this year. schools@dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk

Have a good term and do contact us if you would like to consider applying for a grant of up to £500.

GOOD GARDENING FROM THE SCHOOLS TEAM.