



Dorset Gardens Trust Schools



Our 9th e-newsletter

Hello from the DGT Garden team!

Welcome to the new term. We hope your garden has survived the summer; heat, rain, thunder, we have had it all.

We are starting off this e-newsletter with some photos from around Dorset.



We really liked this simple but effective seat for the garden

And we thought that the welly boot planters great fun.



And if your school is called Wyvern, what could be better than this school emblem?

Congratulations to Piddle Valley School for sending us this ingenious use of plastic piping to make a vertical growing pot.



And congratulations to Buckland Newton for a successful grant application and a smart new recycled bottle greenhouse



The Oak Sapling project to commemorate the 90th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II

This project continues to give great pleasure to the schools who have already received their sapling. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE** to apply for a plant as we still have a few left.



Salway Ash Village School



St Andrew's Yetminster

NOW... some thoughts about safety in the school garden...

Staying Safe in 'Our Garden'

Checklist for school garden safety (far from exhaustive, we are sure that many of you have a list in place already).

Ensure children always:

- walk in the garden
- encourage the wearing of gloves in the garden
- wash hands after working or playing in the garden
- walk slowly with all tools
- hold all tools below the waist when being carried
- store tools safely in one place/box when not in use during the lesson
- clean and put away all tools in 'lock up' storage at the end of the lesson
- be aware of weather conditions and ensure appropriate dress
- wear close-toed shoes
- be aware of hoses and tools left lying around
- be aware there may be holes in the ground
- be aware of animal droppings
- be aware of insects and do not touch or tease any any including slugs, snails, bees and wasps
- be aware of ponds and water
- aware of any plants that are poisonous or harmful
- be careful walking on grass, paths and decking in particular after rain or frost

The focus of an introductory lesson could be to identify potential hazards in the garden and to learn how to stay safe in the garden including the safe use and storage of tools

The best location for this would be outside in the garden area with a range of tools and gardening equipment available for demonstration purposes - children's prior knowledge may include knowing the names and uses of common garden tools.

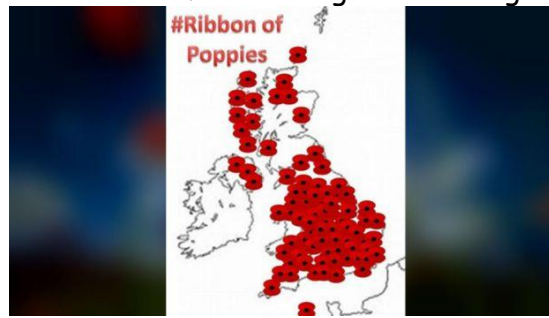
The above suggestions assume that children will always be accompanied by a responsible adult in the garden.

Useful information available on the RHS School Gardening and Campaign for School Gardening sites includes:

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Resources/Info-Sheet/Health-safety-in-the-garden>

- 'I can' statements in relation to children's skills' level

- a more detailed 'Be safe be aware' sheet
- a comprehensive risk assessment for school gardens and gardening



We have heard about a project called **Ribbon of Poppies** to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 in 2018 and we are sending you a link in case your school would like to get involved:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-40960256>

Did you manage to plant your pumpkins?



And will you be making any soup from your vegetables? Do send us some recipes

CONGRATULATIONS TO HAMPRESTON SCHOOL

And their success at the summer fete selling produce from their school garden. Will you be using anything from your garden for your Christmas Fair? We'd love to hear.

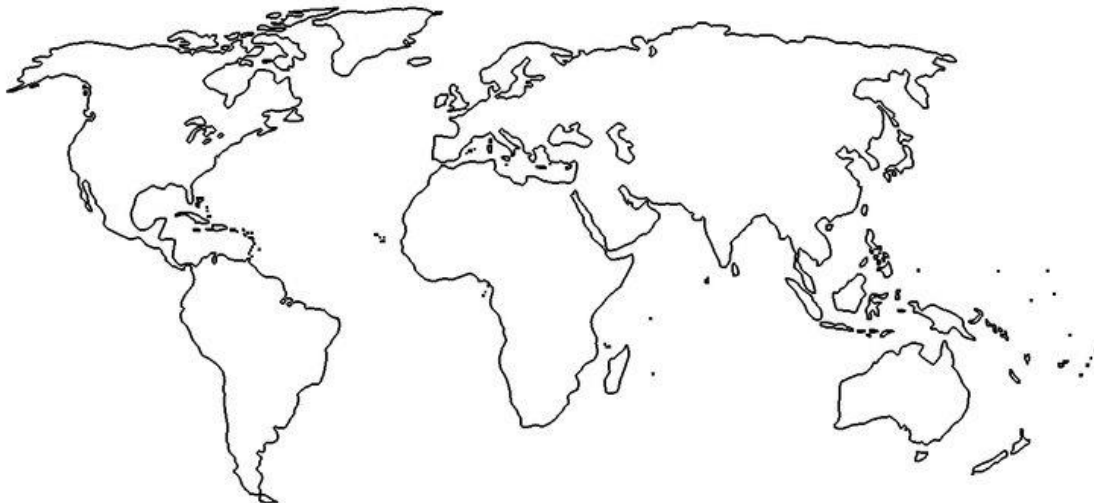


Can't get into the garden when it is raining? Try some indoor planting: Carrot tops, Cress seeds on a 'woolly' sheep and cress heads.



Or if you are planting spring bulbs - try this quiz....

WHERE DO OUR SPRING FLOWERS COME FROM?





AND THE ANSWERS.....

The snowdrop is native to **Europe** and **Turkey** in the Middle East

Daffodils are from **Spain** and **Portugal**.

The Hyacinth is native to the **eastern Mediterranean** (from south Turkey through Lebanon and Syria to northern Israel/Palestine), Iraq, north-east Iran, and Turkmenistan

Tulips were originally cultivated in the Ottoman Empire (present-day **Turkey**), tulips were imported into **Holland** in the sixteenth century

Crocus is the native of **Southern Europe** and **Asia**.

The first evidences of use and cultivation of camellia in **China**

Cyclamen species are native to **Europe** and the **Mediterranean Basin** east to **Iran**

HOW MANY DID YOU KNOW?

STOP PRESS!!!

WE WILL BE HOLDING ANOTHER OF OUR VERY SUCCESSFUL TWILIGHT TEACHING SESSIONS IN BRIDPORT ON TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER AT 4PM .

This is an ideal time to come and meet the DGT team and also to get to know other teachers in your area. We will be sending you full details **SOON**. Please contact stonescj@hotmail.co.uk to register your interest.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL FOR THE NEW TERM

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