



Dorset Gardens Trust Schools



**The Summer Term, SATS and seeds.**

**Welcome to Our 17th e-newsletter!**

**The theme for this newsletter is INSPIRATION**

We start with some good news from Edd Moore our DGT Schools Ambassador :

### **Edd's Plot**



*In the shortlist for the Tes School Awards announced last month, Damers First School has been shortlisted for the Sustainable Schools Award for the second year running.*

***Tes editor Ann Mroz said:** It is wonderful to see such great ideas and excellent practice emerging from our schools and teachers, especially at a time when schools are under financial pressure. We had a record number of entries this year and the standard was very high, so all those shortlisted should be very proud: it's an extraordinary achievement to be on this shortlist.*

*Damers First School's submission included winning four awards in the Young Enterprise Fiver Challenge last year, Coming second in the Cultivation Street School Garden of the Year competition, leading a campaign to make Dorchester single use plastic free and signing up 77 businesses so far, going to Westminster to meet Michael Gove to discuss the importance of an 'all in' system for the Deposit Recycle Scheme with support from CPRE and Litter Free Dorset amongst other important sustainable initiatives.*

*The winners will be revealed at a gala awards evening at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London on Friday 21 June 2019.*

Don't forget, if you would like any questions about school gardens answered or if you want some inspiration, Edd would be very willing to help. Please send all emails to [schools@dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk](mailto:schools@dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk) marked for Edd Moore

We hope that Tara Kirwin of Durweston Primary School gets INSPIRED at an RHS day course that we have awarded to her.

Many congratulations!

And if that news has inspired you to apply then please send us an application saying:

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

- just 200 word. Please send entries to [schools@dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk](mailto:schools@dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk)

RHS Malvern Flower Show this year had some really inspirational ideas for school gardens.



An area had been set aside for a spiral path made from plaited old T-shirts and re-cycled bottle tops etc had been collected and children (and teachers) could write messages on cut slices of a tree branch and then decorate the area as they wished.



It makes for a most interesting way to write about environmental issues and what matters to the children. It could be a class or a whole school activity.

**INSPIRATIONAL!**

There were *School Gardens* on display at the show and these are obviously only temporary gardens but why not make a temporary garden in *YOUR* school.

Have fun with a school lesson themed garden using old school bags as planters:



An extremely smart bug cathedral



A tribute to the war years (remember it is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of WW2 this year)



I liked this garden as I thought it made good use of painted pebbles/stones to add colour to the planting scheme:



And for scientists - The Big Bang.....



As well as the gardens I came across some interesting and **inspirational** ideas - like this one for growing vegetables and herbs in your school garden



These veg pods come in a variety of sizes, there are different heights of stands, some with wheels for transport (round a playground?). They claim to reduce watering by up to 80%

Get inspired by looking at the web-site [www.vegepod.co.uk](http://www.vegepod.co.uk)

**And composting?** Check out [www.hotbincomposting.com](http://www.hotbincomposting.com) which promises compost in just 30 - 90 days

**Do you have an ugly corner of your school premises or a dull wall that needs cheering up? Then you might be interested in WONDERWALL - a self assembly, self-watering vertical garden.**

Check their website [www.wonderwall-promo.co.uk](http://www.wonderwall-promo.co.uk)

They have a special offer on now and are offering an additional 10% discount for orders placed before the end of September 2019



**OUR CONGRATULATIONS GO TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED A GRANT IN 2019 - (AND THERE ARE MORE IN THE PIPELINE)**

Motcombe CE VA Primary School, Frome Valley First School, Trent Youngs CE School, St Mary's Bridport, Shaftesbury Abbey CE VA Primary School, Stower Provost Primary School, Dunbury Academy, Henbury View First School, Barn Owls.



Stower Provost



Trent

**DON'T FORGET!!**



**FREE TWILIGHT TEACHING SESSION 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**SHAFTESBURY ABBEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

St James's St, Shaftesbury SP7 8HQ

01747 852620

**4.00 - 5.30 p.m.**

**(Refreshments will be available from 3.45 p.m.)**

**'School gardens: creating outdoor learning experiences'**

**To book a place** Please contact Christine Stones, [stonescj@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stonescj@hotmail.co.uk) to indicate your interest, **by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019** at the latest. Please include your name, your school, the names of any others from your school who would like to attend, and the best phone contact number to use.

**WE WISH YOU A GOOD SUMMER TERM AND SUCCESS IN YOUR GARDENS**

**THE DGT SCHOOL GARDENING TEAM**