

Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

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Dear parents / carers,

With one in every three mouthfuls of food we eat depending on pollination, pollinators are a vital part of our ecosystem. Sadly, pollinators across the UK are still in decline, with the most significant cause being the loss of wildflower-rich grassland habitats, which provide food, shelter, and nesting sites for pollinators. Over 97% of our wildflower meadows have been lost since the 1930s.



This Earth Day 2023, can you help us make a difference? The theme of Earth Day this year is **Invest in Our Planet**. What better way to invest than to grow something to help pollinators?

In celebration of Earth Day 2023, we are inviting Edgewood children and their families to join us from home by helping our school to grow **wildflower plugs** for the **Hucknall Wildlife Group** which will be planted at Washdyke Lane Recreation Area and other parts of Hucknall. We will also be growing the plugs in school.

Mrs Norgate is also hosting two contests based on our commitment to growing at Edgewood.

Design Contest – Calling all artists! This summer, I am opening the very first **Edgewood Seed Library** and I need your help to add art to the new library.



Fieldwork Photo Contest –What grows in the cracks? Have you ever wondered what would happen if you dropped seeds into the cracks of a path or along a fence? Join our big fieldwork project and find out.

We would also love to hear about all the fantastic ways that you joined in with from home, so please feel free to send pictures into school via the office email (at the top of this page) or by hand.

Yours faithfully,

J Norgate

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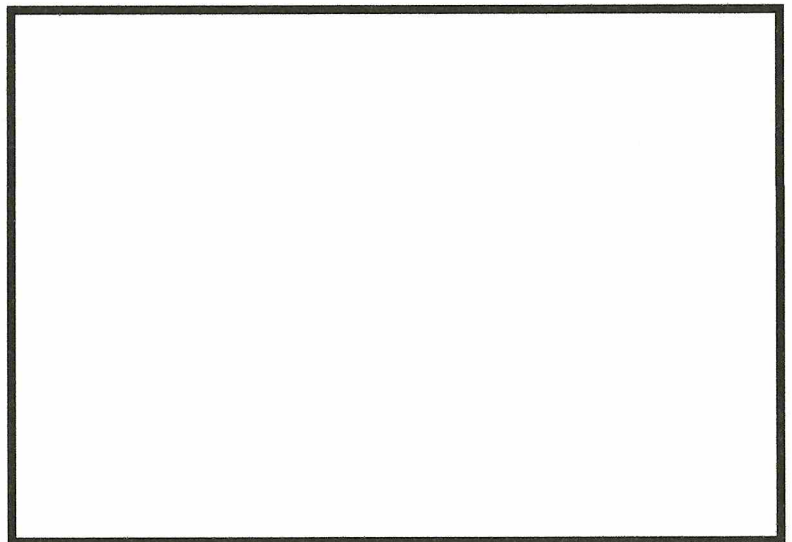


Edgewood Seed Library Design Contest for Earth Day 2023

Choose a fruit, vegetable, herb, or flower from the list below and draw it on a small piece of paper – any paper will do. **Write your name and class on the back and give to Mrs Norgate by April 26th.** If your design wins, you will have an opportunity to help decorate a seed library drawer with your design. Enter as many designs as you like 😊

- cornflower
- basil
- tomato
- parsley
- cucumber
- chives
- sunflower
- peas
- pumpkin
- snapdragon
- cat mint
- marigold
- yellow squash
- courgette
- daisy
- spinach
- runner bean
- lettuce
- cosmos flower
- coneflower
- nasturtium
- coriander
- poppy
- carrot
- watermelon
- sweet corn

Approximate size of the seed drawer.



The Resilience of Nature: Kindergarten Children's Experiment Reveals the Power of Curiosity and the Beauty of Unexpected Growth

In a world where we are constantly bombarded with technology and digital distractions, it is easy to forget about the beauty and simplicity of nature. However, a recent experiment by kindergarten children in the United States serves as a reminder of the incredible power of nature and its ability to thrive in even the most unlikely places.

The experiment involved dropping seeds into the crack of a sidewalk to see what would happen. At first, it may have seemed like a futile effort. After all, what could possibly grow in such a small and unlikely space? But as the days went by, something remarkable began to happen.

Nature found its way.

Despite the odds, the seeds began to sprout and grow, pushing their way through the concrete and reaching towards the sky. The children were amazed and delighted by what they saw. It was a lesson in perseverance and the incredible resilience of nature.

This simple experiment serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of nature in our lives. We often take it for granted, but nature is all around us, even in the most unexpected places. It has the power to inspire us, to heal us, and to remind us of the beauty and wonder of the world around us.

It is also a reminder of the power of curiosity and experimentation. The children in this experiment were simply curious about what would happen if they dropped seeds into the crack of a sidewalk. They did not know what to expect, but they were willing to try and see what would happen. And in doing so, they learned an important lesson about the power of experimentation and the joy of discovery.

As we go about our busy lives, it is easy to forget about the wonders of nature and the power of curiosity and experimentation. But the simple act of dropping seeds in the crack of a sidewalk serves as a powerful reminder of the magic that surrounds us every day.

Shall we have a go?





How Can I Take Part in the “What Grows in the Cracks?” Earth Day Photo Contest?

Step 1: Collect your seed packet and carefully select a place to put your seeds in the cracks of a pavement, near a wall or somewhere unexpected.

Step 2: Submit a creative photo to show that you have taken part. Send the photo to Mrs Norgate via the school office email. This could be:

- A photo of yourself out doing your fieldwork.
- A photo of the plants that grew from the seeds that you spread.
- A photo of a plant growing in an unexpected place that you found.

Step 3: Add where you spread your seeds to our map.

First Prize: An afternoon of gardening on a sunny day.

Second Prize: A growing goodie bag.

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Calling All Green Thumbs!



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How you can join up and participate:

1. Head to the Edgewood office and sign up on the sign-up sheet. The closing date to join up is Friday April 28th, 2023.
2. Mrs Norgate will then send your child home with a small sachet of seeds to grow. No need to purchase anything special to take part – seeds can be grown in small yoghurt pots or even used egg cartons.
3. Grow your seeds until they are ready to be planted out.
4. **Return your seed plugs to Mrs Norgate via the school office.**



Hucknall Wildlife Group

Help to grow **wildflower plugs** for the **Hucknall Wildlife Group Sign-up Sheet**



Please tick how many plugs you would like to grow 😊

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