



# Gardening News

@ Burdett-Coutts & Townshend Foundation School  
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## Our plan

We are on a mission to transform our garden in order to create a sustainable vegetable space.



From June, **every class** will have their own raised bed and they will be involved in planting and growing herbs and vegetables.



The wide-ranging benefits of having a school garden include: **learning, increased wellbeing and an understanding of the natural environment.**

Research suggests that schools and pupils are enriched by growing food and the behaviours acquired through such work.

In addition, outdoor learning can add value to everyday experiences in the classroom.

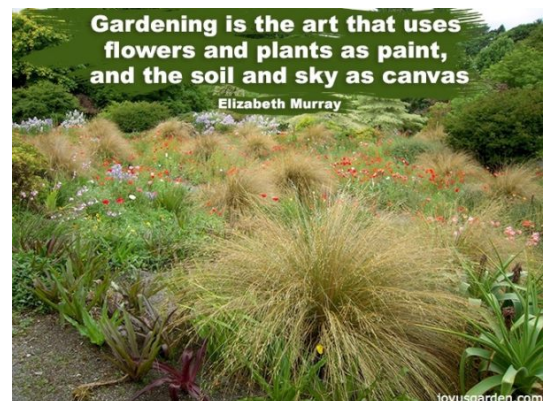
We believe that the garden will bring the community together in a huge way; through working together to maintain the garden and through selling the fruits of our labour together after school (and in local shops).

## School Gardening Team



**Miss Matthey** will be leading our **School Gardening Team**. She is championing this project and giving pupils, staff and parents excellent tips about growing vegetables, looking after the plants around the school and being healthy.

Our School Gardening Team staff are Mrs **Baker**, Mr **Maragh** and Miss **Roberts**.



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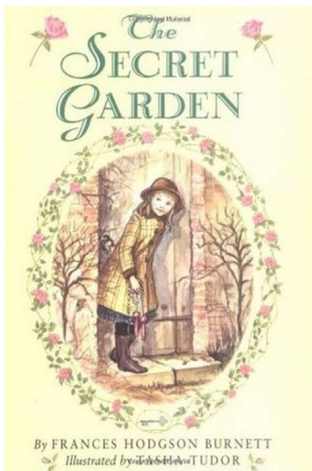
## How can I help?

Although we have been awarded a small grant through **School Food Matters**, on behalf of **Whole Kids Foundation**, we need regular support / donations to be able to run our garden.

Please see the **office** if you can:

- ✓ **Work alongside staff and pupils** during the summer term to help us set up and maintain a new growing area.
- ✓ **Volunteer regularly**, eg one day a week to help maintain both the vegetables and plants in our school
- ✓ **Donate** seeds and compost (please ask the office for a list).

Thank you in advance for your amazing support and generosity!



And the secret garden  
bloomed and  
bloomed and every  
morning revealed new  
miracles.

Frances Hodgson Burnett

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## Garden Timeline

Dates	Events
<b>April 2019</b>	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gardening Coffee morning for parents</b>
<b>May 2019</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Pupils visited the garden and took photographs of the layout. They created a class list of the things that they like and the things that they would like to improve about the garden.</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Work begins on clearing the weeds in the garden area</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Garden clearance completion date</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>All classes will plant their seeds</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children will record their observations in the class growth diaries</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gardening Coffee morning for parents</b>
<b>July 2019</b>	
<b>Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Pupils will harvest the produce and sell them after school during this week</b>



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