



Workshop Nursery Children Embrace the Great Outdoors After New Forest Classroom Opens





Lime Tree Nursery in Carlton-in-Lindrick has opened phase one of its state-of-the-art development, which aims to instil a love of learning in toddlers through a connection with nature, environmental stewardship, vegetable gardening, and animal care.

After a social media request for building supplies and donations went unanswered due to the lockdown, the project received a big boost thanks to generous citizens who reacted to a social media appeal for building supplies and gifts. Gibbs & Dandy, a workshop builders merchant, also contributed materials.

Zoe Croot, nursery director, stated that because during lockdown a lot of children have spent a lot of time cooped up indoors, this area provides the setting with a fantastic place to widen their curriculum and extra curricular activity programmes and give children and the community a great place to explore and enjoy.

"The reaction from the children and parents to the garden has been fabulous. We are so grateful to people in the community who saw our social media appeal and helped make this possible, there was a real sense of community spirit that helped us get this project off the ground and 75% of the materials were donated thanks to this" said Zoe Croot.

She added: "This area provides a great happy medium as we wanted to be able to offer that outside learning space for children but also wanted to have the option for children to also be able to go outside unlike a forest school where it's outdoors 24/7.

"We are hoping to start work on phase two next month that will include a firepit area for toasting marshmallows and wildlife ponds so it's exciting times ahead".



Bobby the Bulldog will be the nursery's newest arrival, and are very excited to meet him. The 11-week old puppy is a new play therapy dog who will visit the nursery to support children who are suffering from anxiety and attachment issues as a result of lockdown.

Bobby is in training currently, and as part of the initiative, will visit the nursery's five different locations across Rotherham and Worksop regularly.

Lime Tree Nursery in Carlton-in-Lindrick are working hard to reverse the damaging effects on children's emotional wellbeing as a result of the pandemic through their new forest garden and their pet Bobby. If your staff team need support in understanding the needs of children as they return to the setting, why not purchase our "Emotional Wellbeing, the Heart of Early Years Practice" sessions.

Workshop nursery children to embrace the great outdoors thanks to new forest classroom facility

Children at a Workshop nursery are set to benefit from the joys of outdoor learning and play thanks to the creation of a new forest school garden.

Lime Tree Nursery in Carlton-in-Lindrick has opened phase one of the state-of-the-art development that aims to inspire toddlers with a love of learning through a connection with nature, caring for the environment, growing vegetables and looking after animals.

The project was given a major boost thanks to generous residents who responded to a social media appeal for building supplies and donations after lockdown meant materials to create the garden were in short supply. [Workshop](#) builders merchants Gibbs & Dandy also helped out with materials.

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"We hope to open the garden up to the wider community to use and for other schools to make use of.

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As well as the new outdoor forest garden children are also eagerly awaiting the arrival of Bobby the Bulldog – a new play therapy dog who will visit the nursery to help children struggling with anxiety and attachment issues resulting from lockdown.

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