

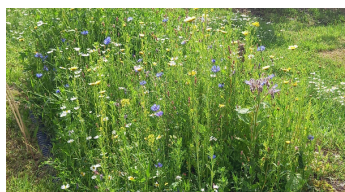
News from NATUR

Summer
Term
2023

Welcome

It is my pleasure as Outdoor Learning provision coordinator to provide you with an update from Natur, our Outdoor Learning Centre this term. We have much to celebrate this term!

My thanks are extended to Mr Andrew James our outdoor learning technician for his work in helping to develop the site, maintaining all the plants during our many months of hot weather (even on his weekends!) strengthening community links, and supporting curriculum areas of learning.



News from NATUR

Summer
Term
2023

Grow Your Future Festival

What a term it's been! Natur keeps going from strength to strength! We opened up our outdoor learning centre to our pupils, their families and our wider community on Thursday 13th July.

It was a successful night showcasing Natur at it's peak – in full flower, abundant growth and colour.

Thank you to all of you who came to support us and see what your young people have been doing.



News from NATUR

Summer
Term
2023

FROM FIELD TO FORK

Mr James kindly distributed samples of lettuce leaves grown in Natur to our learners around the school campus during break time. It was welcomed by many!

Several classes from various year groups have also been to Natur to sample our homegrown herbs - encouraging them to appreciate 1 of our 5 senses - taste!

Rhubarb Crumble

Our Cothi learners and staff harvested rhubarb from 1 of their raised beds and made rhubarb crumble from it - fantastic work everyone!

Beetroot Brownies

Mr James and some pupils planted beetroot seeds and plug plants in late Spring and on Friday 14th July Mrs W Thomas-Davies (Assistant Headteacher and food and nutrition teacher) and Mr Leigh Sinclair (food technician) cooked Natur's homegrown beetroot and made Beetroot Brownies. These were distributed to all Year 8 classes for them to fully embrace the 'Field to Fork' concept - emphasising the importance of grow your own, local food miles and organic, no dig allotments. We surveyed the whole year group and the overall result was extremely positive. Many staff also sampled the brownies and the smiles on their faces said it all! A great lesson learnt, one which we want to develop further with other fruits and vegetables grown in Natur in the future.



Thank you to our pupils

We extend a huge thanks to all our pupils who have helped us in Natur this term. Pupils in Cothi and Adfer have visited regularly, taking ownership of raised beds and areas of land. They have flourished in watching the land produce such wonderful fruit, veg and flowers. Our Ukrainian and vulnerable learners have spent many well-being sessions enjoying the space and the simple pleasures of engaging in nature. Several lunchtimes clubs make use of Natur and it's been a pleasure to see Natur become their safe space. Our Year 9 learners who's started their Bronze level Duke of Edinburgh award have been particularly useful volunteering their time in Natur during their lunch hour and in our Gwyl/Festival. Finally to our Barcud learners and staff who have been quite simply amazing! We couldn't have done all the watering and weeding without you!

News from NATUR

Summer
Term
2023

Ysgol
Bro Dinefwr

Sponsorship



We are extremely grateful to the John Burns Foundation and the Burns Pet Foods for sponsoring our Gwyl Tyfu/Grow your Future festival. The money they have donated will be put to good use further developing the site, its produce and productivity!



We as a school have built up a Careers Wales Valued partnership with Castell Howell Foods. They have been extremely generous in donating £400 to Natur to buy seeds, plug vegetable plants and flowers such as lavender, calendula and a rose.

We decided to support local so have worked in partnership with Telegraph garden Centre in Llangadog to supply us with these horticultural products. Thank you for being so generous with your advice and plants Lara and Carol!



Thank you to both Llandoverly and Llandeilo Rotary Clubs for donating money to Natur to buy a pizza oven which will allow our learners to make the pizzas they have prepared in Science and Food lessons as well as for promoting staff well-being and socialising at the end of a term.



Billie the chick

We tried incubating some hen and duck eggs in the Science department this term. We were only successful in hatching 1 chick, who we named Billie. She now lives in Natur, along with 2 bantam chicks donated to us by a member of staff.



Goat

In September, Natur will welcome its first large animal – a goat! We intend to milk the goat and use the milk to create candles and soaps. Watch this space for our enterprising ideas in the Autumn term!

S4C

Ffermio

Natur on TV!

We are regularly asked to host people from far and wide who have heard about the great practice happening in Natur. Many county and school delegates from south Wales have visited us again this term. S4C's programme 'Ffermio' have asked to film Natur, with particular focus on the arrival of our goat. Watch this space and TV screens for an up to date story in the Autumn!

News from NATUR

Summer
Term
2023

TRANSITION WEEK - OUR YEAR 5'S FROM OUR CLUSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITED NATUR

From the 5th to the 9th of June, nearly 200 learners from our 10 cluster primary schools visited Natur to see the site, learn about our allotment, companion planting and bugs. Mrs W Thomas-Davies led the sessions, supported by Mr A James. All Year 5 learners all took part in a treasure hunt around Natur and all made a seed bomb containing wild flower seeds to take home as a gift from Ysgol Bro Dinefwr. We wanted to instill the importance of sustainability and 'grow your own' to our next generation. They were all a pleasure to have in Natur!



News from NATUR

Summer
Term
2023

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER



We have great pleasure in announcing that Natur will open its gates to the general public and community once again on **7/10/2023** for our **APPLE DAY!**

Bring your own apples and pears and let us turn them into juice using our processing equipment. You take away freshly pressed fruit juice!

We have been working with local orcharders all year and look forward to contributing towards their community this October.

FOOD

We will be harvesting our herbs and using our dehydrator to dry them, then use them in our Food & Nutrition lessons.

All our excess fruit and vegetables will be donated to Llandeilo Food Hub over the summer.

From September, all Year 7 pupils will have a Health & Well-being lesson about the importance of sustainably and the field to fork concept of Natur. They will be cooking a range of dishes using as many ingredients from Natur as possible.



What to expect from Natur in the Autumn term

Animals ** Harvesting **** Enterprise**

We can't wait to share our outdoor learning experiences with you!

We wish you all a lovely summer and look forward to providing you with another update on what's been happening in Natur at the end of the year.

We need your help....

Do you have any unwanted wellington boots, wet weather coats or gardening gloves of various sizes that they you longer require? We'd be extremely grateful for any donations to ensure that a wider range of learners can access Natur in wet weather conditions. Please contact Andrew James on andrewjames2@brodinefwr.org.uk if you have any donations.

Mrs Wendy Thomas-Davies
Assistant Headteacher