

Erasmus Project



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'Outdoor Learning: Happy Children make Happy Learners!'

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Our topic: 'Games in Nature'

As part of our international outdoor learning project, pupils have continued to access the curriculum through the use of outdoors; on the school grounds, in the woodlands and making use of the local area.

During Spring term, pupils from Nursery to Year 6 have been exploring our topic 'Games in Nature', reinforcing knowledge and skills, working as part of a team and having fun in the outdoors!



Year 3/4 enjoying different games in the outdoors.



Rec/Year 1 playing 'Fire in the forest'.

Pupils have been able to experience new games and activities, whilst developing skills in all areas of learning. They have also enjoyed the creative element of designing new games using natural resources. Pupil voice has also enabled some of our KS2 pupils to design playground games, ready for them to be painted on the yard during Summer term.

Visiting our International Partners Finland – Kerkkoon Koulu

In February, Mr Short and I had the opportunity to visit our partner school in Finland.



Kerkkoon Koulu (Kerkkoo School – Finland)

We met our international colleagues in 'Porvoo', a quaint town approximately 1 hour from Finland's capital, Helsinki. Although very similar countryside scenery that reminded us of Wales, a covering of white snow that blanketed the town presented us with a very picturesque Christmas card image!

We were fully submerged in outdoor learning activities. A visit to the nearby woodlands allowed us to observe outdoor sessions. Children also showed how to make effective use of technology in the outdoors during an orienteering task in their local area. And of course, not forgetting their winter sports activities, showcasing how they could take the topic 'Games in Nature' to the next level!



Woodlands session at Kerkkoon Koulu..

During our time in Finland, we were able to gain an insight into the Finnish culture and curriculum. It was particularly interesting to see so many comparisons with that of the new Welsh curriculum 'Successful futures'.

It was interesting to see how the status of outdoor learning is highly regarded by children and staff at Kerkkoon Koulu and how they share similar values to our school in Crwys. Regardless of weather conditions, everyone was prepared for the day ahead and fantastic to see how the school have clearly fostered a love for the outdoors!



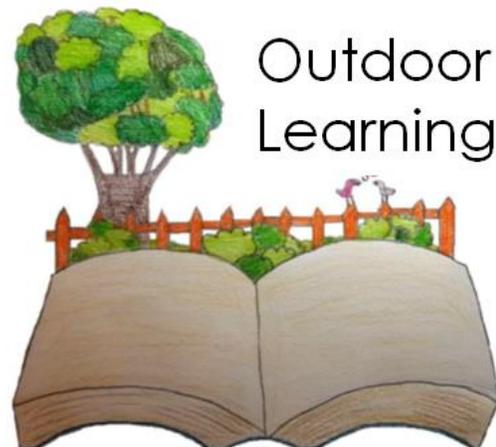
Saying goodbye to the children at Kerkkoon Koulu.

New Project Logo

At the end of last term, KS2 children participated in a logo competition with our 5 other partner schools. Children were asked to develop branding to proudly promote our outdoor learning project. This branding will then be used on documentation, PowerPoints, publications and media.

Thank you to the children in all 6 schools for developing designs and taking part in voting for the chosen design– a great way for the children to help develop our project ideas.

We would like to congratulate our friends in Italy for the winning design:



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A VIDEO SHOWCASING ACTIVITIES IN FINLAND:

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