

A Guide to Acorns...

Sensory Garden



Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful half-term! I am very excited to announce that Acorns now has a **SENSORY GARDEN!** The garden will provide great outdoor sensory experiences for our pupils and will be used by all classes throughout the summer term.

The Sensory Garden has been a project of mine over the last 2 months and to see it come to life has been fantastic! A lot of time and hard work has gone into the planning and creating of the area and there are many people to thank.

Below you can see the progression of the Sensory Garden, enjoy!



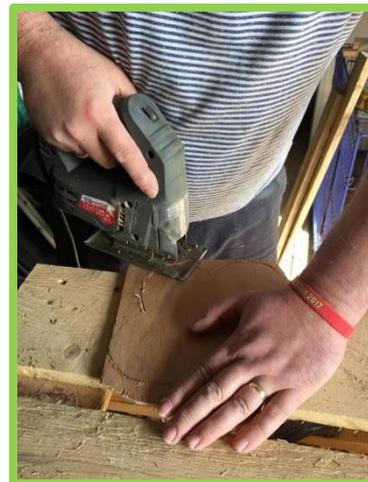
Before...

The area was an unloved part of school and was in desperate need of some TLC! The space had mounds of potential to become a great outdoor learning space.

During...

Then began the hard work! Firstly the overgrown shrubbery was clipped back, the grass was given a good raking and everywhere had a good sweep up!

My Dad and I then started to make the bedding planters, wooden flower decorations and the sensory hanging baskets.



Access for all...

A section of the Sensory Garden was inaccessible for wheelchair users and would have caused problems when exploring the surroundings.

However, the garden now has 6 new pavement flags, ensuring the Sensory Garden is accessible for everyone! Thank you Raymond (builder) for kindly putting down the new flags for free!



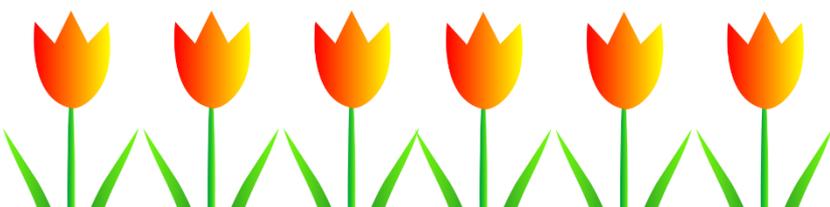
A fresh new look...

My Mum and I then started to freshen up the fence with a lick of paint. We then attached the colourful outdoor decorations to the fence and walls.

We planted all the herbs, flowers and plants into the bedding planters – they look lovely and smell amazing too!



In the next few months outdoor mirrors will be arriving for the Sensory Garden. Providing the children with opportunities to investigate reflections and explore mark making.



The BIG reveal...

Let me know what you think, send an email to - sensoryparent@acorns.lancs.sch.uk

Finally I can reveal the finished product! I am so happy and proud of what has been achieved. The Sensory Garden will be a valuable outdoor learning environment for our pupils and will provide amazing sensory experiences during lessons and Friday Clubs!



A HUGE thank you from Acorns....

Thank you to **Barton Grange Garden Centre** for their extremely generous donation of **£100** towards supplies for the Sensory Garden! This money will be used for the upkeep and renewal of the garden.

Thank you to Ann (our Speech and Language therapist) who kindly donated gardening pots for growing our own fruit and vegetables!



I hope you have all enjoyed reading about the Sensory Garden as much as I've loved creating it!

Upcoming newsletters will be based around all the fantastic fun we are having in the Sensory Garden. Let's hope the weather stays nice!

Thank you, Jenny (Teaching Assistant)

A neighbour from a local sales and wants Facebook page also donated 2 plastic greenhouses to Acorns. These will really come in handy when we start growing our own fruit and vegetables in Sensory Garden and Gardening Club on a Friday afternoon!



A big thank you to **Myerscough College Plant World and Garden** for the kind donations of plants, herbs and seeds for the Sensory Garden. They look great in our bedding planters and will provide our pupils with fantastic sensory experiences!



Thank you to my Mum and Dad for all their help and hard work 😊

