



Outdoor Learning

EASTER 2022 UPDATE



S2 Pupils Making a Change!



*Since August 2021, all of our S2 pupils have been spending one (warm, wet, cold and sometimes snowy) day outside in the garden each week as part of their Outdoor Learning. Showing great **AMBITION** they wanted to make a positive change to the school gardens.*

*The **RESPECT** they have shown to each other and the surrounding area has been fantastic to witness and their hard work has not been going unnoticed, with many staff welcoming the far nicer view from their window.*

*They now have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to move this project on to the next level and get the area back to a working garden that will provide a variety of foods to be used by the school! We also have a new partnership with **Three Towns Growers**, so watch this space for some tasty vegetables coming 2022!*

#TurnipTheVolume

...with a little help from our friends!



*The SSR & JASS groups, as well as pupils and staff from the Sphere have also been out helping regularly. Their hard work and effort is very much appreciated!
Thank you!
#DreamTeam*

Say Treeees!



After a successful bid, the Woodland Trust has provided our school with trees to plant! The first of these went into the ground on Tuesday 8th March! Everyone is really excited about this opportunity and the positive change this will make to the local environment and overall look of the school!

JOKE CORNER

Why did the sun go to school?

To get brighter!

Climate Change Conference held in Glasgow!



On **Wednesday 10th November**, all of our S1 pupils took part in our very own COP26 event. This involved making their way to and from Eglinton Park for a variety of workshops. These workshops, led by our amazing staff and Senior Pupils, covered a variety of important global issues. A great day was had by all, the feedback was very positive and the rain even stayed off!

WORKSHOP 1

(Mr O'Neill)

PROTECT AND RESTORE
ECO-SYSTEMS



WORKSHOP 3

(Miss McNeil)

ADAPT TO PROTECT
COMMUNITIES
NATURAL HABITATS

WORKSHOP 2

(Miss Davies)

ADAPT TO PROTECT
COMMUNITIES
NATURAL HABITATS

WORKSHOP 4

(Mr Fraser)

Orienteering



Feels good to be Social!

The Social Studies & RME Faculty have been busy taking learning outdoors this school year, with a number of fun lessons! They have raised awareness about 'Reducing, Reusing and Recycling' and the impact plastic and other harmful substances / materials can have on our world! During one lesson they gathered rubbish from around the school and made art with what they found. This showed pupils how things can be repurposed and made beautiful! As you can see there was a lot of creativity from our young people!



JOKE CORNER

What colour is the wind?

Blew!

Do you know what's odd? ... Every other number!

The Faculty of Mathematics, Numeracy & Computing also took their learning outdoors recently with some great lessons! Here are some examples of what the pupils were doing:-

- Percentages with Bean-Bags
- Strategy Games, for Maths Week (Scotland)
- Car Park Survey



It's time to clean up the streets... and the Beach, Beach!



iRoyaleco removed 7 bags of litter and a burst yoga ball from Kilwinning Road on Tuesday 25th January. This continued the great work they have been doing across Irvine, including a visit to the beach in the past! We are all very proud of them and they are making the school and community look so much cleaner! #Justice4YogaBall



JOKE CORNER

I stood in my garden early yesterday morning wondering where the sun had gone...

Then it dawned on me!

“Not Your Average Bench!”



10 Picnic benches that seat 6 people have been made by clients from the Community Payback Team for our outdoor areas! Pupils have been involved in where these were placed around the school. We hope this will continue to improve everyone’s interval and lunchtime experience, as they now have a comfy place to sit!



Creativity is Contagious, Pass it on!

Artists, supported by the National Galleries Scotland, have been coming in and working with our pupils and creating modern art around Irvine Royal. They started the first week in March and we promise, the pupils are loving it! Going forward they will develop the middle garden and this will become a multi-purpose, flexible learning space, with a continued focus on supporting creativity and mental well-being. What a fantastic opportunity!



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



53 Geographers researched each of the sustainable development goals to gain an understanding about what each goal was aiming to achieve. Through class discussion and independent learning, pupils decided which goals they would prioritise - based on what matters most to them! We can’t wait to see these goals displayed and promoted around the school!



FINALLY!

*A huge thank you to the Technical Dept. for donating this fantastic piece of woodwork! It is currently being used as a desk out in the garden! **What an addition!***



JOKE CORNER

What did the ground say to the earthquake?

YOU CRACK ME UP!

This is our NEW OL policy, please promote it and look out for it around the school!



IRVINE ROYAL ACADEMY

OUTDOOR LEARNING PROMOTING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS POLICY

AMBITION

ASSIST OTHERS IN THEIR
DEVELOPMENT & HELP
THEM TO REACH THEIR
POTENTIAL

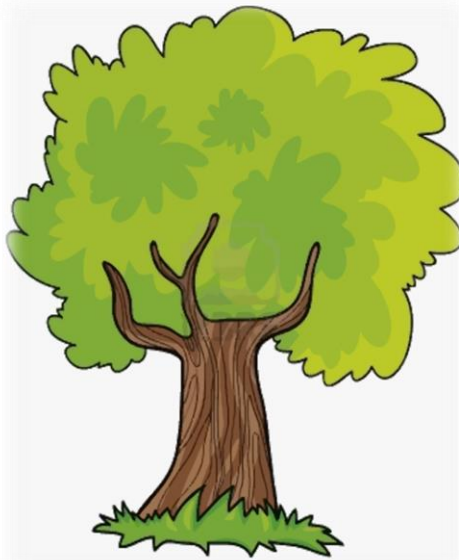
ASK FOR HELP
ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER
DO AND GIVE YOUR VERY
BEST

DO NOT GIVE UP
PERSEVERE
BE RESILIENT

RESPONSIBILITY

LOOK AFTER ALL EQUIPMENT
TAKE IT OUT CAREFULLY
ALWAYS PUT IT BACK WHERE
YOU FOUND IT

USE EQUIPMENT SAFELY AT
ALL TIMES



RESPECT

DEMONSTRATE EQUALITY
INCLUDE PEOPLE &
SHOW RESPECT FOR ALL

KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE,
AT ALL TIMES
(BOTH PHYSICALLY &
MENTALLY)

DO NOT DISTRACT
OTHERS FROM THEIR
LEARNING

ACTIVELY PROMOTE
CARE & RESPECT FOR
THE ENVIRONMENT

It is great to see that there are so many positive OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES taking place across our school and the community!
Thank you ALL for your continued hard work and effort –
Please continue to share and celebrate this success!
Have a fantastic Easter, stay safe! 😊