



School Gardening Awards Level Three



Pupils started gardening on a windowsill four years ago, growing beetroot, tomatoes and cucumbers and haven't looked back since.

When St Margaret's School for Girls started their windowsill garden some of the girls had never even tried a cucumber before. Caroline Duncan, who runs the Gardening Club, was enthused by how excited they were to taste the cucumbers that they had nurtured from seed on the window ledge of their classroom.

Although the school has lots of green space they have very little gardening space, so have had to make the most of what they have as their plans have gathered pace.

An extremely successful flower sale last year raised funds for the club and the proceeds allowed them to purchase grow frames for the playground (for sweet peas, peas and courgettes) and they recently invested in garden sheds to store all of the gardening equipment. They were also gifted a green cone digester from Aberdeen City Council. The Gardening Club has become more and more popular as the news of eating raw vegetables has circulated the playground and the ethos of the club is to have hands on fun with digging, exploring and experimenting.

The Parent Teacher Association has now very kindly donated the funds for a super outdoor classroom and a number of planters. With help from the city ranger, Caroline and her team have planted up this classroom with colourful insect-attracting plants and started to grow a willow arbour in the planters.

Successfully applying for Level Three of our School Gardening Awards last year made the team immensely proud of how far they've come since the day they planted their first seeds on the windowsill, and they're currently planning another plant sale and getting stuck right in planting the first delivery of their RHS School Gardening Awards Level Three prize: baby veg.

Resources you may find useful:

Fundraising for your School Garden

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Resources/Info-Sheet/Fundraising-for-your-School-Garden?returnUrl=%2FResources%2FFind-a-resource%3Fso%3D0%26pi%3D20%26ps%3D10%26f%3D2,12:%26page%3D3>

A Guide to Greening Your School

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Resources/Info-Sheet/A-Guide-to-Greening-Your-School?returnUrl=%2FResources%2FFind-a-resource%3Fso%3D0%26pi%3D0%26ps%3D10%26f%3D2,12:%26page%3D1>

Container Gardening

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Resources/Info-Sheet/Container-gardening?returnUrl=%2FResources%2FFind-a-resource%3Fso%3D0%26pi%3D20%26ps%3D10%26f%3D2,10:%26page%3D3>