



Edwinstree Middle School
A voluntary Controlled Church of England School

The making of a pond and wildlife area, plus the rewilding of many other sites in the school grounds.

It has always been a dream to utilise the beautiful space that we have at Edwinstree as an outside teaching and wildlife area that we can use as a whole school. However, before the whole school can benefit from this resource we have to build it. We are focusing on two main areas to start with, a meadow to attract pollinators and a wildlife area with a pond to encourage birds, hedgehogs and lots of invertebrate life.

During this half term, we (myself ably assisted by the Year 6 children, Mrs Peak and Ms Tomlin) and Parents who have given their money and time, have enabled us to move forward faster than we would ever have dreamed possible. The current Year 6 will be carrying on this project into Year 7 and I plan to make regular updates of what is happening as time progresses.



When we first looked at the area it was mostly grass, but over late spring, it turned into a nettle field. Luckily, some parents had donated gloves, which were very much needed. Another had kindly donated three wheelbarrows, so we were able to start clearing the area

where we wanted to site the pond.

We were

very blessed, as one of our parents was able to arrange for a digger to be delivered and was also willing to donate time to dig our pond out for us.



We are currently making compost bins from donated pallets (some of the children are very handy with power tools) and we are continuing to clear out the nettles to prepare the ground before we start to plant our collection of native wild plants ready for September.

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