



Love Trees Cornwall

TEACHING CHILDREN TO LOVE NATURE

Congratulating Nancledra School on combining practical and imaginative ways of encouraging children to love nature by creating a versatile Seasonal Tree Diary.

Nancledra School has worked consistently since Autumn 2021 to introduce children to continuous aspects of tree care. This has included planting seeds, like acorns, weeding and clearing planting sites for new trees, putting bark as mulch around new trees, removing invasive summer plants and removing dead wood. Nancledra School has also produced its own video with two booklets expanding on their creative work, and included an associated community woodland video.

There have been playful and intuitive responses from the children, such as observations relating to scale and minutiae (such as moss, lichen and insects) in their informative, individual essays. Visually, they have experimented with different art forms, such as leaf and bark rubbing and created images with pencil crayons and watercolours showing trees as providing places where they can shelter and create imaginative games.

We all look forward to seeing what this school will achieve in the future. With the second, most vital, part of this competition – their specific, documented use of the £1,000 prize money to create their own unique contribution to Tree Care. We hope, that this will then inspire other schools and educational establishments.

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