

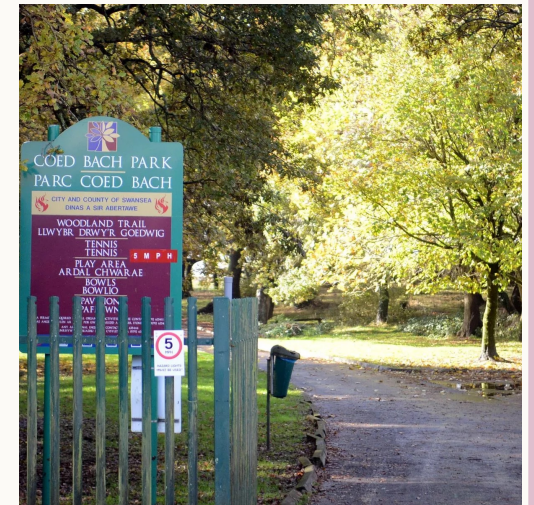
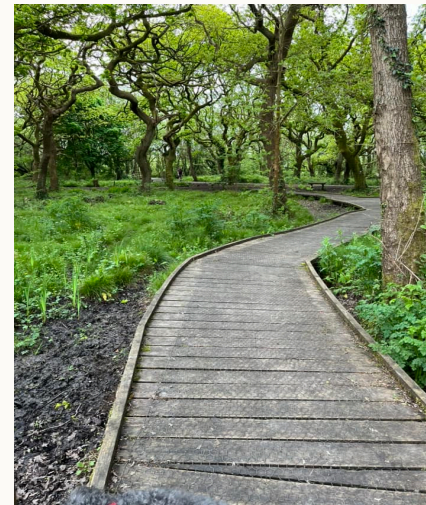
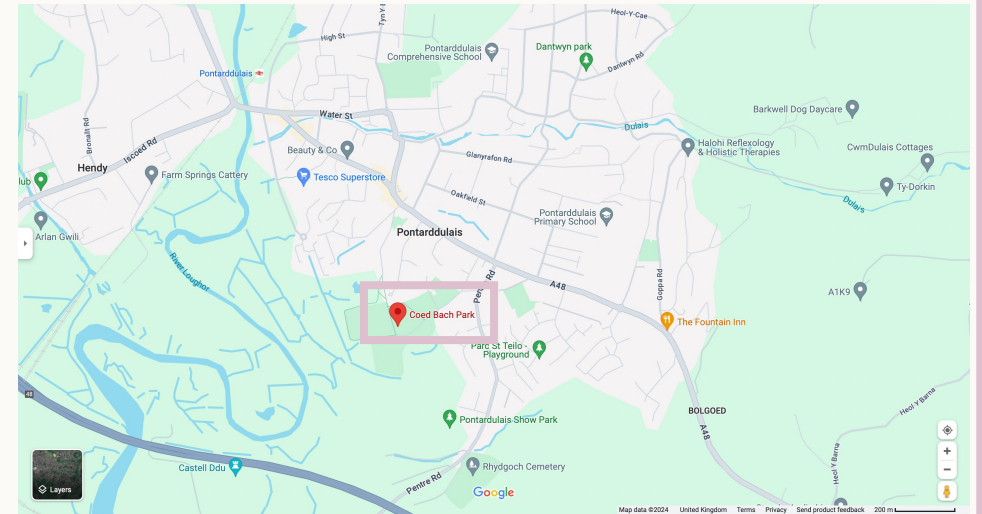
A background image of pink cherry blossoms on dark, thin branches. The blossoms are in various stages of bloom, with some showing distinct stamens. The overall tone is soft and natural.

**REGAINING
PARADISE?
SUSTAINABILITY IN
THE EARLY YEARS
(ECEY6005/C)
JOHN MUIR AWARD**

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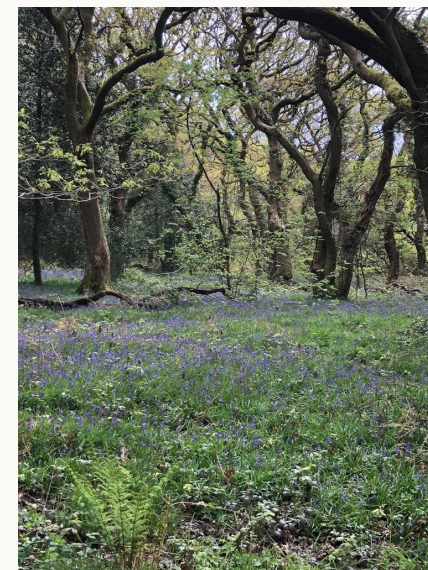
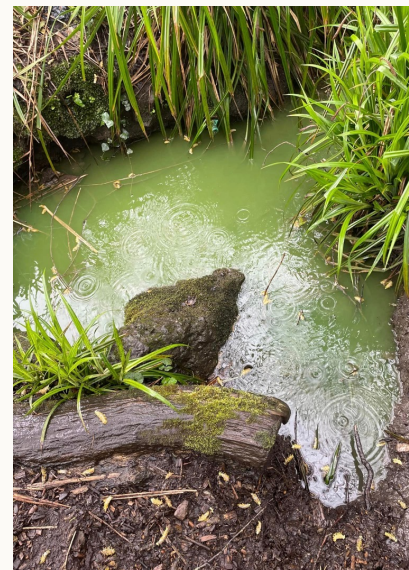
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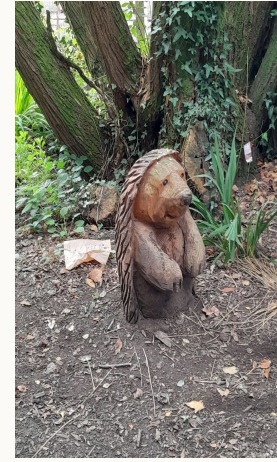
The area in which I chosen for the John Muir award, is Coed Bach Park. Located within Pontarddulais. This park holds special memories within my childhood- which sparked my imagination to further discover and explore the beauty of nature which it withholds. With nature trails, forests, tennis, rugby and football pitches, a playground, fairy garden and sensory area. As a child growing up- this truly was a significant part of my childhood with endless opportunities to enhance my curiosity with awe and wonder.



Explore

In the park, nature's beauty unfolds with every step. The splashes of colour coming from the pretty flowers against the greenery of the park is unmissable. The colour from the flowers shining through on a summers day makes me feel a great sense of happiness while being in the nature. While walking through taking in the scenery, the pretty blue flowers adding a serene touch to the vibrant landscape.





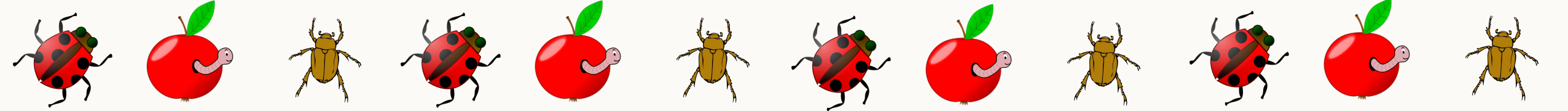
I further explored the beautiful fairy garden- a beneficial area for the local children to foster creativity and imagination while encouraging outdoor play through connecting with the nature world and the species which live within it. While deeply looking I noticed an endless world of minibeasts, which really grabbed my attention. As a child I was completely fascinated by minibeasts- doing everything I could to make them homes and ensure they were safe. While playing here I used to use the leaves and sticks to build little homes for them.



Conserve



Although while exploring the fairy garden, witnessing the excited children run around in the outdoors, I began to realise this enjoyment for the children was coming with a risk for the mini beasts. Young children often don't understand the or allow this area to be sustainable and to allow the minibeast species to be able to reproduce, they have to be kept safe. A bug hotel, is a man-made structure designed to provide shelter and breeding spaces for various insects, I decided to create this to protect the minibeast in the fairy garden



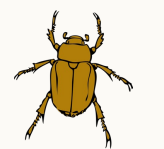
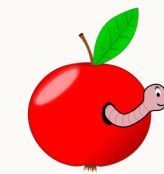
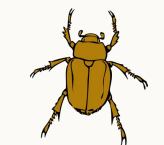
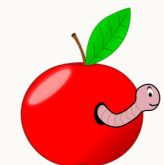
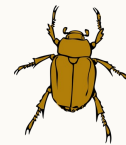
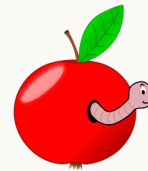
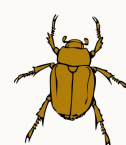
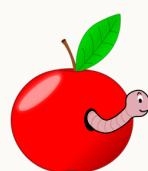
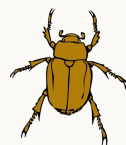
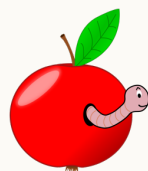
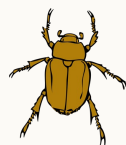
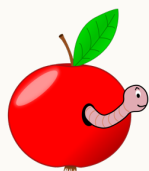
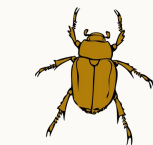
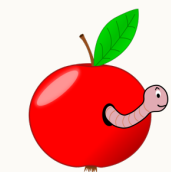
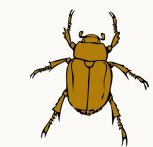
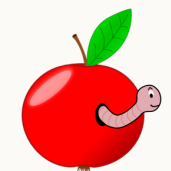
*In a corner of the park so bright,
Stands a bug hotel, a cozy sight,
With twigs and leaves, a shelter
made,
Where little bugs can safely wade.*

*A refuge in the wild expanse,
A place where insects find their
chance,
To live in peace, to thrive and
grow,
In the bug hotel's gentle glow.*

*So when you wander through the
green, Remember places rarely
seen,
Where tiny creatures find their
rest,
In the park they love the best.*

*I decided to write a poem
as part of my conserve
section. I will attach this
to the bug hotel, to
remind visitors of the park
of the concept of the bug
hotel and it's benefits.*

*Together, let's celebrate the beauty of our natural
surroundings and commit to their preservation
for future generations.*



Share

Coed Bach Park has a local community facebook group. I used this to my advantage to be able to share a post regarding the concept of creating the bug hotel, in hope to prompt both children and adults to go and visit.

