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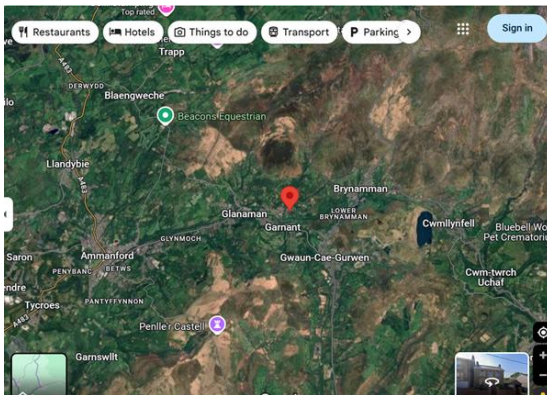
:Sustainability in the Early Years

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Transforming our outdoor space for nature: Where we began...



- ▶ Our journey of discovery, growth and connection to nature.
- ▶ Ysgol Y Bedol, our school in Garnant, where our adventure began.



Access to outdoor area

We chose to transform the neglected outdoor area beside our Early Years classroom into a space full of nature and discovery.



Preparing the space

With Mr. Jones's help, we worked together as a team, building community spirit and showing the children the power of teamwork.





Getting stuck in:

Small hands, big impact - weeding, digging, preparing the soil

Planting for Pollinators

- ▶ We planted wildflowers to invite bees and butterflies.
- ▶ Intention to encourage pollination, support biodiversity, and give children real-life experiences.



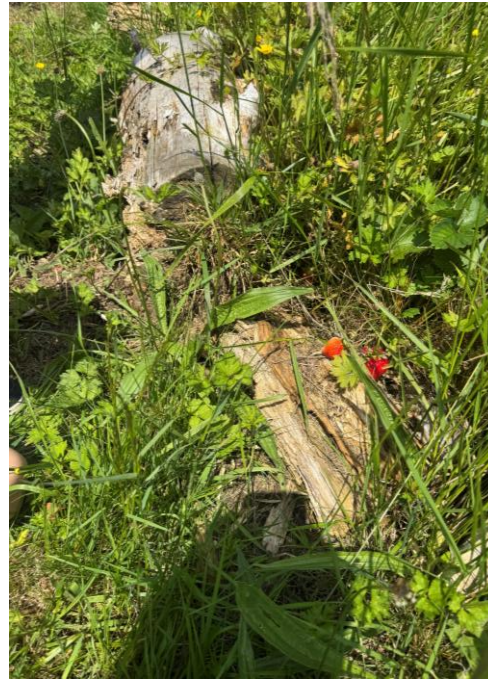
Bug Hotels & Homes

- ▶ Building tiny homes for our bug friends.
- ▶ We used wooden bug hotel kits to help the children learn about creating habitats for insects, supporting biodiversity, and understanding their role in caring for the natural world.



Nature comes ALIVE!

- We discovered a magical world of caterpillars, bugs, and bees.
- Children developed empathy, curiosity, and respect for living things; they brought leftover fruit for the caterpillars, showing care



To conclude...

- This project helped the children grow in confidence and curiosity as they explored the natural world around them. They learned about life cycles, ecosystems, and how to care for living things, developing a real sense of responsibility. I felt proud to support their connection to nature, linking our work to the Curriculum for Wales focus on well-being, environmental care, and meaningful, hands-on learning.

