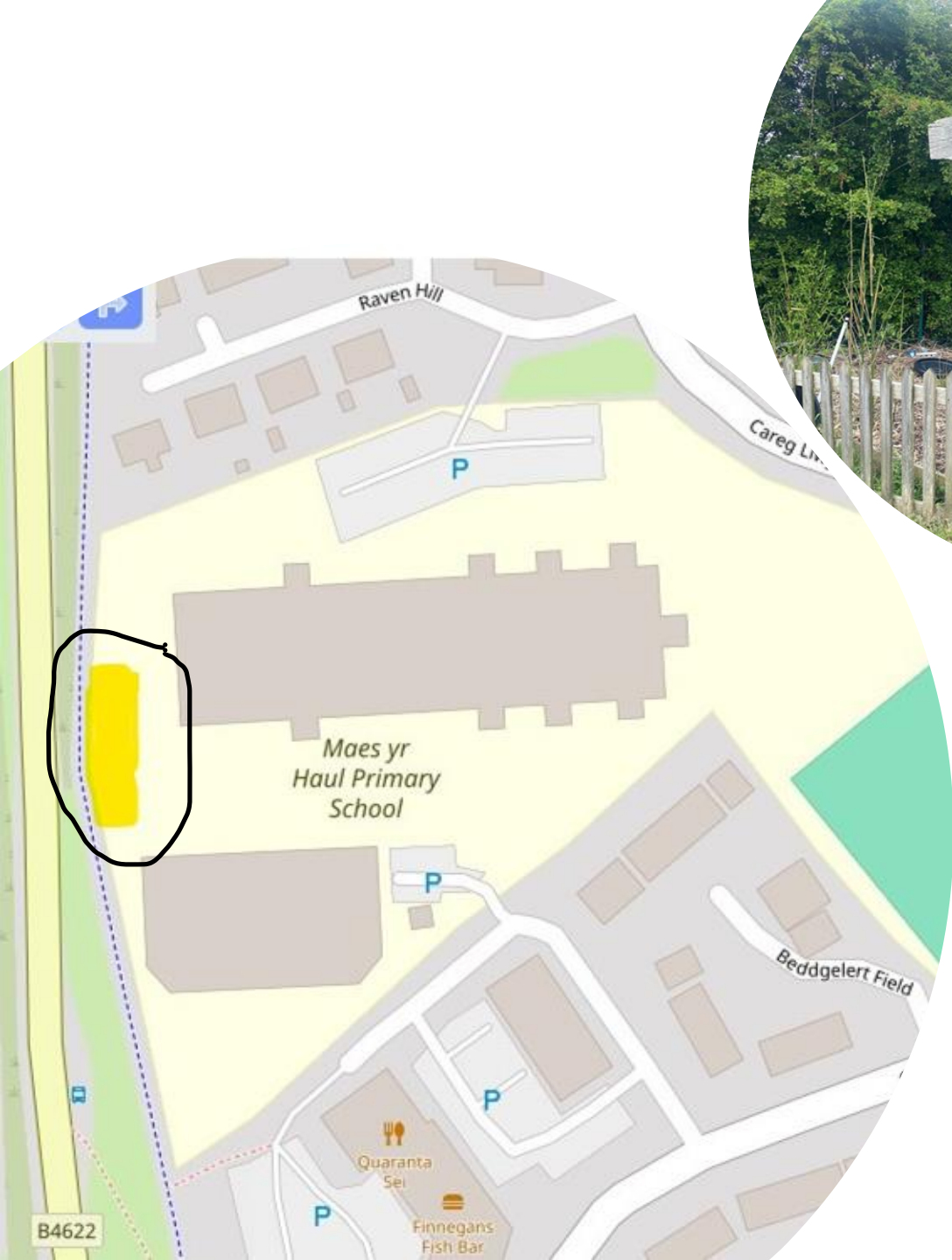




Jubilee Garden - Maes yr Haul Primary School



The Jubilee Garden is situated in Maes-yr-Haul Primary School in Broadlands, Bridgend. I chose this area for discovery as it is directly opposite the nursery unit in my school. The children would benefit greatly by using this garden for activities. Apart from storing bins, tyres and broken toys and plant pots, the area is not used and has so much potential for development for the children to access easily and enjoy. The area contains a beautiful apple tree, and a variety of flowers, bushes and trees. There is an area with part grown bamboo and willow. There is a large lavender plant attracting bumble bees, and an old abandoned bug hotel.



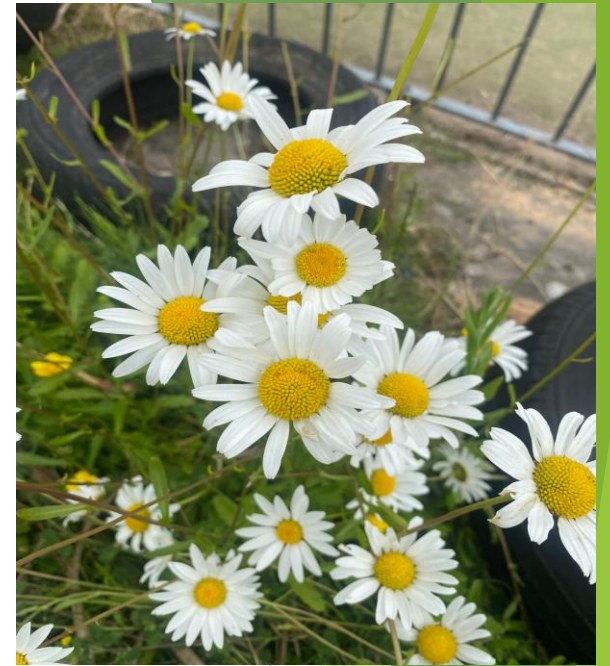


We carried out a risk assessment before we could take the children into the garden. We started by involving the children in clearing away broken toys and rubbish. The caretaker will be removing the bins and moved the tires to be used for planting herbs and plants to attract bees and bugs.

We planted wildflower seeds and allocated an area of the grass to remain unmown to encourage bugs and butterflies.

We put up a new bird house and will be making bird feeders to attract more bird species to the area.





We have taken away the old bug hotel and built a new one. The children decided what to use to build the new bug hotel, collecting up sticks, logs, pots, twigs, leaves, sand, stones and mud and pushing them into all the little nooks and crannies. With children visiting the bug hotel every day and continually adding to it, it is still very much a work in progress even after only a couple weeks. Building it required teamwork, communication, listening, and planning.

The children are taken out in groups to water the herbs, once they grow bigger, they will replant them into the Jubilee Garden. They also explore the bug hotel with magnifying glasses. and we discuss any new bugs found and count how many bees we see on the lavender bush and flowers. Our main bug visitors so far have been spiders and woodlice.



Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!

By Bob Barner

Butterflies that flutter in the sky.
Spotted ladybugs that go creeping by.

Friendly daddy longlegs that never bite.
Grasshoppers hop hopping out of sight.

A fuzzy caterpillar with tiny feet.
Bees buzzing by flowers that smell so sweet.

A long line of ants that work so much.
Roly-poly bugs that curl up when I touch.

BUGS! BUGS! BUGS!

I can see buggy bugs all around me.





We have reached out to the parents and local community to request for donations of any spare gardening tools, outdoor clothing, and seeds.

To share our Jubilee Garden, and our ideas, I have asked our head teacher if we can start a gardening club to enhance the area further with plans to have a small green house and plant a vegetable patch to grow our own food and learn for the children to learn hands on, where our food comes from.

The children's work in the garden will be shared with their parents on google classroom with photographs and brief write up of what we have been doing at each stage.

We will include a section in our termly newsletter about how our garden is developing and keep the school, children and parents updated on its progress.

