

# TRENT ECO-WARRIORS

R.H.S. Budding Gardeners Competition.

Hyde Hall, Nr. Chelmsford, Essex. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.

**Eco-Warriors** dig for victory, and strike GOLD, not once but twice!

08:00. Saw our ten 'Budding gardeners' patiently awaiting the arrival of the minibus that was to take them to the R.H.S. garden to fulfil weeks, nay months of planning, think tanks and the exchange of ideas come to fruition.

08:30. The minibus hove into Mount Pleasant and was duly loaded to the brim with plants, tools, pre-fabricated toadstools, mirrors and our caterpillar.

One hour later we got our first look at the 1m x 1m x 20cm deep plot, "It's tiny."

"It's not very big it will take no time to do." "And it is not bottomless, like they said."

A quick change into gardening clothes followed by a stampede for the minibus boot and in no time the whole contents were sitting in the warm sunshine.

A furtive glance at our opponents revealed an eco type garden, and one with a water feature!

The convex mirror was soon assembled with slight amendments due to depth of soil, and set to reflect an adult (Mrs. O'Boyle modelled) was finally erected with much hammering, we then laid the stony path, all fitted really well, the 2 large toadstools and the red and white spotted 'fairy' mushroom was ready for the caterpillar, who needed a helping hand to be bent back into shape from his journey.

Planting began with gusto 10 pairs of hands, with only little guidance saw dozens of plants, including Lupins, Delphiniums, Cornflowers, Begonias, Petunias, Marigolds, Runner Beans and our 'broken' pot garden were jostling for space, there was not a bit of soil to see! The flower pot stack was positioned together with our hand cut 'playing card soldiers, 'painting the roses red' with 2 guards and a rogue spade card, all looked really great.

The final touch was our nine faced hand coloured 'Cheshire cat' atop of the mirror, a collective pace back saw 13 pairs of eyes scanning the plot, a few tweaks and tucks and all was ready for judgement.

A mass clear-up ensued as our lovely garden received a much needed watering.

We set off for lunch, chat and to relax. For exactly 9 minutes when an adventure playground was found, 40 minutes later we wandered back to await the judging, they were very observant and spent a lot of time at the garden next to ours!

But suddenly they returned to ours, much finger pointing and whispered debate took place 13 hearts beat faster, the judges looked around the back of our garden and then conferred with the others.

Finally the event organiser arrived to announce the winners, it was in alphabetical order Trent being near the end. Suddenly “Gold for Trent C of E Primary School!!!!

We erupted with cheers as Ellie from yr.4 collected our bag of goodies, seeds books and vouchers.

After a few moments she also announced, “the Best in Show, Trent C of E Primary School” we were judged THE BEST !!! Our garden was the best!!! More cheers and celebrations continued.

A huge chocolate rabbit and a superb engraved trowel was ours, our prize for our garden, we all rushed to our garden to see a ‘Best in Show’ rosette proudly pinned on OUR garden. The journey home was full of singing and big, big smiles.

Mrs. Yarwood was texted with the great news and immediately added it to the newsletter. She met us with huge smiles and congratulations. In our corner garden we presented her the trowel, our trowel, which was promptly hung on our notice board.

We couldn’t wait to share the news.

The 10 who were there: Yr.6. Amy, Eloise, Emilio, Josh and Ruby.

Yr.5. Chloe, Emily, Lily and Sophie.

Yr.4. Ellie.

Our heartfelt thanks to their parents and carers.

The few who went owe so much to the so many who didn’t go on the day.

The so many included: Emily (reception) Isabel (Nash) Jessica (Yr 3) Andrianna, Anthea, Maria, Amelie Miriam, Joe, Ellie, Antoni, Sophia Z, Amy, Amelia, Anya, Fahid, Elise, Dina, Daniel, Alicia, Dhruv, Fawaaz, Chris, Nathan, Ciaran, Chrissey, Penny, Sarah, Georgia, Nadia,

A special thank you to Mrs. Partridge’s father for supplying some of the plants.

At the end of the competition one of the judges asked, “Are you coming back next year?”

What do you think shall we?

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