



Forest School Awards - The outreach programme for Learning Without Walls

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A lovely first day at Ranfurly
House for Forest School





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STAYING SAFE

We put out our boundary flags for us to stay inside



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RULES



We listen to the rules and learn about respecting nature



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DENS



We are left bamboo canes, clothes pegs and tarpaulins to help us make our dens



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DENS

In our groups we have to design and build a den





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DENS



Starting to take shape, well done



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Everybody is
really engaged
and stays on task



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DENS



Great job
everyone



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SNACK



Time for us birds
to look for
worms



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STORY TIME



Time for us to look at all the dens and hear the stories



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WHITTLING



The elder tree has lovely flowers in autumn and “nobbly” bark. Excellent for whittling or carving wood



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WHITTLING



We use a number of tools to make bug houses – hacksaw, potato peeler and tent peg



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WHITTLING



We start by cutting a length of elder with the hacksaw. Then we peel the bark with the potato peeler



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WHITTLING



We use the tent peg to poke out the pith or middle. The bugs can then climb in



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WHITTLING



The finished bug hotel. Now place them in a hedge or tree and see what moves in!



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DID YOU ENJOY IT?



Mostly happy faces



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LEAVE NO TRACE



We have to tidy up afterwards to make it safe for wildlife