



St George's CE Academy

The pond project at school began on 24th September with 10 volunteers clearing the site, which was exceptionally overgrown, and the pond was fully of flag iris, so thick that the pond could be walked across.

The works continued on 5th November to prepare the site, remove the old shed, widen the site and erect a fence.

Later in the term Class 3 & 4 (age 8-11 years) visited the site and discussed what they want to final use to be, and the areas required to do this. The children then created designs for our pond renovation project, they have all been combined to create workable design for the area, providing cover and seating for pond dipping.

The children then wrote their own letters to kindly ask local businesses if they could donate or support with the costs of any materials to the project.

A set of 3 parents, who all work in the building trade have commenced the building work to erect a structure, with seating for a full class. The pond has a lack of wildlife due to being overpopulated with flag iris, overgrown and an apple tree shedding into the pool. However, now the area is clearer it is full of frogspawn/tadpoles and newts have been spotted also. The local community will support to repopulate the pond with plant wildlife to entice wildlife back in. Final touches need to be made to the pond area prior to the being open for pupil use. A sign will be made along with a small storage shed to store pond dipping items and wildlife fact sheets. Once the area is fully useable the pond will be opened up to be used by local schools for curriculum learning and enrichment.

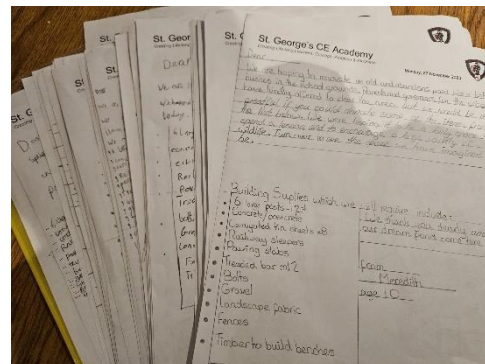
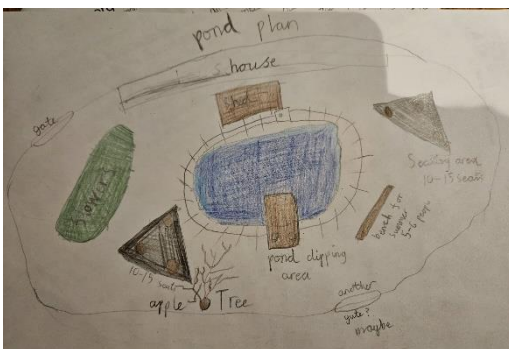
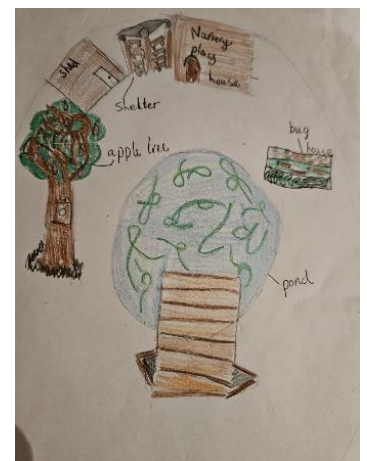
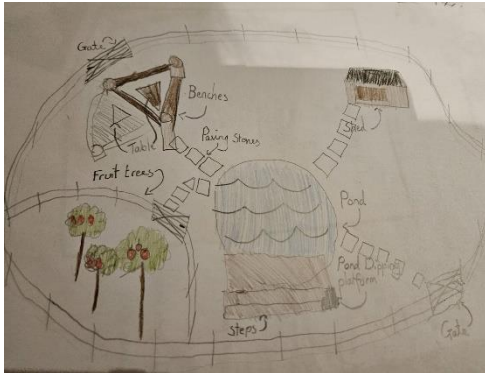
Original pond site:



Pond volunteer days:



Children's letters and pond site designs:



New pond area:

