

Wild things!

Environmental Education in Action

Forest School

Who is Wild things!?

'Wild things' is a registered Scottish charity aiming to awaken a mutually beneficial relationship between children and young people in the Highland and Grampian regions of Scotland.

We offer carefully supervised programmes which build a deeper knowledge of forest conservation and environmental issues. These activities are also designed to offer the opportunity for the social and personal development of the participants.

What is Forest School?

Forest School is a system of schooling that started in Denmark as an integral part of Early Years Education in the 1980s.

The philosophy of the Forest School is based upon the desire to provide young children with an education which encourages appreciation for the wide, natural world and which would encourage responsibility for nature conservation in later life.

What happens at Forest School?

We run 6 Forest School sessions once a week over a 6 week period. The children will be taken to their local community woodland where they will play various games and participate in several different activities that enable them to appreciate and understand their woodland environment better.

After the group has become confident in their forest school surroundings we hope to build on this confidence by teaching them some bushcraft skills which may involve the use of cutting tools. These activities are carried out under experienced leadership where there is a high adult to child ratio. Bushcraft, also known as native traditional crafts, is a fascinating way to learn multiple skills such as fire lighting, making cord out of nettles, learning the value of stillness whilst observing animal behaviour etc. The children will also get a chance to taste a traditional brew of some pine needle or heather tea!

Forest School happens come rain, snow, frost or shine which in itself offers a sometimes challenging but always invigorating way to be outdoors. A way most of us have never experienced before!

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the Office on 01309 690 450.

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What to bring on your Forest School Trips

As Forest School will take place in all weathers, we would ask that you send your child to school with wet weather clothing and footwear (Wellies), just in case it rains. Depending on how long our summer is set to last, we may need you to send woolly hats, gloves and a scarf!

Please ensure your child has a satisfying **packed lunch** and plenty to eat at snack time, if requested by the School. Running around in the forest can build a very health appetite!

If the weather is warm please send a small bottle of water as well as the lunch/snack time drink.

Thank you kindly.

What are the dates and times for the Forest School Trips?

Transport to and from the Forest School site is arranged by your Primary School. All lessons are based within the normal School timetable.

Week1	Date	Time
Week2	Date	Time
Week3	Date	Time
Week4	Date	Time
Week5	Date	Time
Week6	Date	Time

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