

## **Lytchett Matravers Primary School**

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## A BIG THANK YOU!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to say a very big thank you to all of you who have supported our Christmas and Summer Fairs over the last few years. The money we have raised from these events has helped to create our incredible new **Natural Outdoor Classroom**.

The original internal courtyard became more and more overgrown throughout the years and after several attempts to clear it, we knew that the only way to create a usable, outdoor learning space was to embark on a major project.

After consultation with children, staff and parents it was decided that a whole class seating area would be highly beneficial and separate group working areas would enable children of all ages to work in the outdoors. The inclusion of sand and mud pits, a living willow dome, raised planting beds and a beautiful new tree have all helped to transform the space.





Our work, however is not yet complete!

In order to maximize the amount of learning that is to take place outside, we now need to raise more funds to add weatherproof curriculum resources, which all children will be able to use. These will range from 1-100 numbered pebbles, outdoor beanbags for reading and fixed chalkboards where children can write and calculate with numbers.

In the Spring Term we plan to hold an 'Outdoor Learning' whole school fundraising event led by the Student Voice and ECO Team, where the funds raised will be used to further enhance our children's outdoor learning environment. Thank you again for your continued support in helping to develop your children's learning experiences. We are all very grateful for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, Mary Cotterill, The Staff and Children of LMPS (Outdoor Education Leader)







