



MOSELEY IN BLOOM / FEB 23

the blooming news

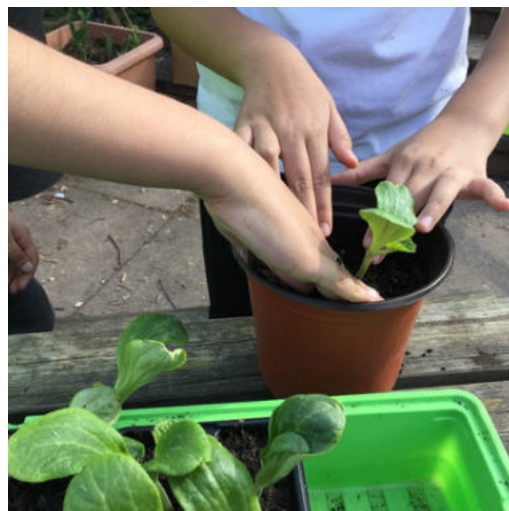


Welcome to the latest Moseley in Bloom newsletter! Spring is on it's way and we are already seeing lots of lovely bulbs appearing which are adding some much needed colour to our gardens. We would love to hear about your garden and other horticultural projects so please do send us any news, with photos if you can so that we can feature your garden project in our next newsletter. Also if you know about any events taking place that you think would be of interest to gardeners then please do send us information via email to doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com or kerry.jenkins@blueyonder.co.uk - We look forward to hearing from you, Carol Miller and Kerry Jenkins (Editors).

School Projects - Moor Green Pizza Planters & Community Garden (2021-2023)

Throughout the academic year, children from Y4 participated in a project called 'Seeds to Supper', The children used wheelbarrows to deliver the soil and compost to the new circular planters as well as topping up the existing planters in our edible garden. They chose the topping for their pizzas and began by planting seedlings. They chose tomatoes, onions, courgettes and sweetcorn. During the final week of term, we planned a 'grow, cook, eat' event with the children where they were to make mini pizzas over the campfire in Forest School. Unfortunately because of the heatwave we were not able to have a campfire in the woods or even put the oven on in school to cook the pizzas. In fact in the end school was completely closed on the afternoons that we had planned for this event! We had planned for the children to make their own tomato sauce for the base, and then choose their toppings! They would also have had a choice of a side dish - potato salad or a dressed green salad made from produce grown as part of the project. Strawberries and cream had been planned as dessert. Our Community Garden is coming on apace. We have created 6 new beds on the turfed areas of the caretaker's garden using the no-dig method. The children have had lots of fun learning that the compost is made from the rotted dung from our school farm and then helping to fill the beds with it using trowels and buckets. They have planted onions, garlic and shallots to overwinter. There are also broad beans and sweet peas in our greenhouse on our school allotment and potatoes chitting in the Eco Room.

Susie Boncyck, Moor Green Primary



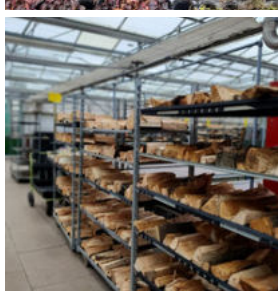
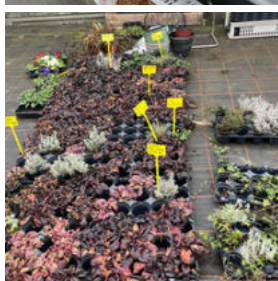
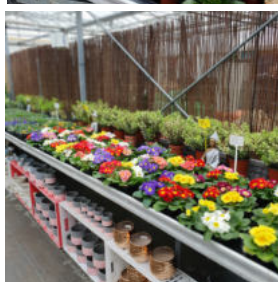
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Cofton Nursery

Have you visited the Council's nursery at Cofton Park? Kerry, Carol and Jenny recently visited to discuss our order for the floral displays in Moseley this summer. It's a great place to visit with impressive greenhouses, and loads of plants at all stages of development. They also store all of the containers, hanging baskets and willow sculptures and other ornaments that go around the City in the summer. Work never stops and the wonderful staff there are always a step ahead. They are currently planning their Chelsea entry (top secret at the moment) and preparing thousands and thousands of plants ready to go out and brighten up and beautify the city in the months to come. At Moseley in Bloom we have ideas for more sustainable planting in Moseley this year and Chris Jones and Arthur Tamlyn, staff at the nursery, were more than happy to make suggestions on how we can do this.

Watch out for some interesting changes in our displays this year. We should not forget to mention that Cofton Nurseries have a fantastic shop with a huge variety of plants and garden supplies. You can also buy logs, compost and soil improver there. If you are now planning your 2023 garden, visit Cofton Nursery. You will not be disappointed. You can find information about opening times and location here:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20089/parks/325/plant_nurseries_and_floristry_service

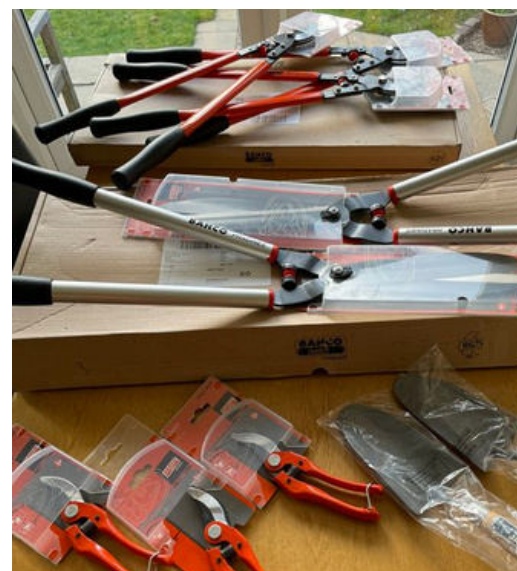


No room for compost?

We have taken this information from the Moseley Together newsletter, who took it from Thrive - the therapeutic Garden in Kings Heath Park. Click on the link below to learn how to make compost in a bottle! A small quantity, that's true, but every little helps, as they say. It's also a good way to make some use of plastic bottles before you pop them into the recycling and home composting is a great way to turn kitchen and garden waste into nutrient-rich soil. If you have limited space, a large plastic bottle can become the perfect compact compost bin!. It's a great way of getting children involved in sustainable garden projects and do let us know if you have a go. We can feature your story here! <https://www.thrive.org.uk/get-gardening/how-to-make-compost-in-a-bottle/>

Funding grant buys new tools

Great to see the Holders Wood Conservation group sharing the news about their successful bid to the National Lottery Community Fund. They have been able to purchase some lovely new tools to help them in their work. Congratulations!



Have you renewed your Garden Waste collection?

It's that time of year again! If you haven't already done so there are only a few weeks left to sign up for the garden waste collections that will begin again in March. Some of us have been waiting for this since last November and our bins are already full. This year we won't be getting pretty bin stickers but the bin staff will attach a tag to the bin's handle when they come to collect your garden waste. For more information on green waste and how to pay for your collection go to:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20009/waste_and_recycling/91/garden_waste_collection/2