

Groundwork transforms school grounds at Ysgol Heulfan

Groundwork has transformed the grounds and garden at Ysgol Heulfan in Gwersyllt, Wrexham as part of their Greencare Rural Wrexham Project. Groundwork involved parents, pupils and volunteers, who all worked really hard to make the changes at the school. The transformation includes a forest school area with a wooden story telling circle, multicoloured fencing, raised beds in various sizes and shapes planted with sensory plants bringing colour, shape and fragrance to the garden and grounds. Vegetables and fruit have also been planted in the raised beds with the children enjoying the produce as part of their school lunch and vegetables sold to parents to raise money for the school. Covered Sandpits have also been installed for the children to play in and an accessible path to a wildlife meadow with seating created and footpaths installed.

Julia Thomas Haigh, Head Teacher at Ysgol Heulfan said.' We are thrilled with changes to the school grounds which have been transformed into colourful and practical areas. The children now have a more exciting place to play and learn. We are really pleased with the forest school area and the story telling circle. The wildlife area can now be accessed by children who use wheelchairs with new accessible paths, and we are delighted to be enjoying the fruits and vegetables grown in the raised beds. Thanks must go to Groundwork and to all the volunteers who worked so hard and learnt new skills to make this happen'.

This project is part of the Greencare Rural Wrexham project which is run and managed by Groundwork . The project receives funding through the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007 – 2013 which is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

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