

NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDEN *of* WALES

Spring NEWSLETTER

We offer over 40 different curriculum linked programmes for schools. Here is just a flavour of what we have on offer. Please visit our website for details of other programmes and information about how to book a trip here.

New! Fair-trade Workshops.

What is it and why should we engage with it? Using the plant collections of the Garden, this challenging workshop links the producer with the consumer and deals with issues such as inequality, global markets and consumer power. This actively explores the concept of 'Think Global, Act Local'. The new workshops complement and support the Fair-trade Schools Initiative, Eco schools and Healthy schools.

Environmental Art

Pupils can come and create transient pieces of environmental art that help them think about the natural world and their place within it. Inspired by the work of artists such as Tim Pugh and Andy Goldsworthy, pupils will have the opportunity to design and construct a piece of art using natural found materials from around the Garden. We encourage pupils and teachers to bring cameras to take pictures of these pieces and of other artwork around the Garden.

Leisure and Tourism

As a major tourist attraction for South Wales, the Garden is an important factor in the economy of the region. Pupils will have the opportunity to research visitor services, corporate hospitality, health and safety, maintenance, education, volunteer co-ordination retail sales and marketing. They will do this by talking to key members of our staff team.

We also offer a variety of other STEM related programmes such as:

- * Plant Adaptations
- * Life Cycle of Flowering Plants
- * Pollution Indicators
- * Sustainability Trail and What on Earth is Sustainability?



Fair Trade Fortnight

It will be Fair-trade Fortnight from 27th Feb – 11 March. This is a great way of involving pupils and staff with FT and raising its profile within your school. For information and ideas on how to get involved go to www.fairtradewales.com

The Size of Wales Rainforest Project

What is the Size of Wales Project?

Size of Wales aims to bring everyone in Wales together to help sustain an area of tropical forest the size of Wales as part of a national response to climate change.

'An area the size of Wales' is frequently used to measure the rate of forest destruction. Through Size of Wales, we aim to turn that negative use of the country's size on its head, by encouraging the people of Wales to take positive action and help protect an area of rainforest equivalent to the size of our nation.

An environmental charity, Size of Wales unites communities, businesses, organisations and schools to help protect 2 million hectares of rainforest and forge lasting links with some of the world's poorest people. To get involved as a school go to www.sizeofwales.org to find out about and support this amazing project.

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