

Editorial

Welcome to the First Edition of NIFSA News – the monthly bulletin to help you deliver outdoor activities.

Each month we will feature a range of different outdoor activities taken either from different websites or delivered by our own NIFSA Forest School Leaders.

In addition, we will feature organisations that NIFSA is currently working with and the progress they are making.

Lastly, we will keep you updated on new developments within NIFSA and who has joined our NIFSA Forest School Leader Hall of Fame.



Brian Poots, NIFSA

Hazelwood Integrated Primary School

NIFSA was delighted to start working with teachers, pupils and parents from Hazelwood Integrated Primary School in Newtownabbey.

We will be working with the Primary 6 teachers every Monday and developing an after-schools club with parents from 3pm-4pm visiting Throne Wood.



Bog oak sculpture at entrance to Hazelwood.



Resources



An excellent website to visit is the Learning through Landscapes site –

<http://www.ltl.org.uk/index.php>

“This site is for anyone who shares our passion for creating stimulating outdoor learning and play experiences for children and young people. We hope you’ll find within it the practical inspiration to embark upon a new adventure in learning.”

Examples:



10 Ways to measure a tree

A fun maths sheet, showing a variety of ways to measure a tree. Can your pupils measure a tree with a bucket of water?

<http://www.ltl.org.uk/pdf/10-Ways-to-measure-a-tree1417710560.pdf>

Visit the NIFSA Official website for information on Forest Schools in Northern Ireland
www.nifsa.org.uk



Crazy creatures

This early years’ activity – making creatures out of natural materials such as leaves, twigs and bark – is great for developing communication, language and literacy skills as well as creative, physical and personal and social development. Once made, the children can take photos of their creatures and talk about them: where does it live? ; how old is it?; what does it like to eat?

<http://www.ltl.org.uk/pdf/Crazy-creatures-Sept-2011-EY-1315395067.pdf>



Early Years Literacy Ideas – CfE Scotland

Tried and tested activities for early years and P1 literacy lessons from Scottish teachers, with CfE Experiences and Outcomes included.

<http://www.ltl.org.uk/pdf/Literacy-EY1418991524.pdf>

