



News

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Editorial

Looking back over the 7 years NIFSA has been established, we have trained over 25 new Forest School Leaders and brought out over 18,000 children to the local parks and woods in over 700 Forest School sessions. Forest School is also much more recognised now and widely accepted by schools, youth groups and authorities. Thank you to everybody that has been involved in making NIFSA the success it is today.

Holy Family Primary School

Aideen Hickey, World Around Us Co-ordinator, and Alison Ryan from Holy Family Primary School received their Forest School Leader Award Level 3 Certificates this month. Very well done. Aideen and Alison are both passionate about Forest Schools and have seen the many benefits it brings to the pupils and local community and will continue on with it for their Primary 5 classes every year.



Brian presenting Alison and Aideen with their Forest School Leader Award level 3



Presentation to Principal, Siobhan McQuaid. Siobhan receives the official Forest School Site Plaque and NIFSA Certificate of Achievement

Schools and youth organisations that have a trained NIFSA Forest School Leader will receive the new NIFSA Official Forest School Site metal plaque that can be displayed on the outside of their main building.



Currie Primary School



Brian presenting Forest School Leader Award Level 3 to Stephen King and NIFSA Official Forest School site to Ashleigh Galway, Principal of Currie Primary School

Resources



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC481B98O6mNLN00kXG5OjZg>

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Children tell us in their own words why they love playing outside in nature at their Forest School club. 6 days ago



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[Picking Blackberries](#)

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We go picking blackberries with the kids at our Forest School in the woods. Not only is this a simple, safe and

free activity that children love



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We show you how a way to teach basic axe skills safely to children. Using a sharp tool with kids is a great way to draw them away from the screen and get them engaged with the outdoors.



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Forest School meets our ancient past with Living Histories, bringing history to life in the outdoors, for schools and events.