

School gardening notes for November

Nótaí garraíodóireachta scoile do Mhí na Samhna

Teachers

It's a good month to introduce children to bulbs. They are usually cheaper in shops and garden centres now!

Class Indoor

Junior In. Plant a prepared hyacinth in the classroom. This will bloom in early February. See <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=102>. Also www.blackrockec.ie/content/september

Senior In. Sow hardy peas such as Meteor. See www.blackrockec.ie/node/125 First Plant daffodils in a bowl filled with stones in the classroom. They take six to eight weeks to bloom. See www.blackrockec.ie/content/september

Second Plant a Hippeastrum (amaryllis) in the classroom. It takes 10 weeks to bloom. See www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=102

Third Plant tulips outside. See www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFRX8ciSkIE

Fourth Plant tulips outside. See www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFRX8ciSkIE

Fifth Plant a large pot with layers of tulips, daffodils and crocuses. See www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/photos/0,,20295299,00.html

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Training: SEED provide training in the basic skills of school gardening to whole school staffs. See www.schoolearthed.ie

Continue to plant raspberries, blackberries and heritage apple trees. See www.schoolearthed.ie/pdf/intouch/Hands_On_Oct2013.pdf

Keep the 'Garden Patrol' rota going. See September's *InTouch*.

Make leaf mould this month. See www.blackrockec.ie/node/161

Cultivation beds

See senior infants above.



Hyacinth in bottle



Diary
Continued gathering leaves and removed weeds from herb wheel. Children fascinated with scents emanating from mint and thyme and the rotting leaves. Heavy scent of decay pervades the garden. Good for children to experience.

Weed of the month

This month's weed is the Dock. Dig up docks making sure to remove the whole of the long tap-roots.

Cookery
Make a vegetable curry. See www.growingschools.org.uk/Resources/Downloads/GrowingSchools_YearPlanner.pdf



Autumn fruiting raspberries

Literacy/Litearthacht
Detritivores/Drámhóirí: Creatures that eat decomposing matter. *Neacha a itheann ábhar atá ag meath.*
Bulb/Bleib: A modified underground stem surrounded by fleshy leaves which contains food. *Gas modhnaithe faoi thalamh atá clúdaithe le duilleoga ramhra a bhfuil bia iontu.*
Fungi/Fungais: Fungi are organisms which don't have flowers, true leaves, stems or roots. They grow in damp, dark places. *Is orgánaigh iad na fungais nach bhfuil bláthanna, duilleoga, gais ná fréamhacha acu. Fásann siad in áiteanna dorcha atá tais.*
Decaying leaves/Duilleoga atá ag meath/ag feo: These start to decay when the tree seals the spot where they are attached to prevent moisture entering them. *Tosaíonn duilleoga ag feo nuair a shéalaíonn an crann an spota ag a bhfuil na duilleoga ceangailte leis chun cosc a chur ar uisce/thaisleach dul i isteach iontu.*

