

Tarvin Community Woodland Trust Award 2010 – 2011

This year at Tarvin School has been extremely positive in respect of our work to do with the environment and the outdoors.

The whole school has used Grogan's Walk on a regular basis for exploring, discovering nature and even for Cross Country competitions. The woodland remains a vital part of our everyday activities in school and covers all aspects of teaching.

We have been really lucky to have had representatives from the Woodland Trust in school who have taken all the classes around the walk, teaching much about the flora and fauna. This was incredibly beneficial to the children and was enjoyed by pupils and teachers alike. The children also took part in a photography competition, with Grogan's Walk as a stimulus.

Other opportunities in this area this year have been the extensive learning by pupils on the Broomheath Plantation, using the forest schools ethos; observing bird life through bird box cameras; working on the school garden and learning about the Woodland as part of our inaugural school exhibition.

The first Woodland award goes to Evie Mulligan, in Year 2. Evie has shown herself to be an inquisitive little girl who has a great interest in the natural world. She enjoys observing and discussing all aspects of flora and fauna and often teaches her friends new and exciting information. Her enjoyment and knowledge of nature is evident every time the class go outside and she has an incredibly enthusiastic approach.

Inspired by learning about the local environment around school, Evie takes it upon herself to research further about many aspects of nature. She has a genuine curiosity about, and a feeling for, her surroundings.

Evie has many strengths in this area, such as identifying flowering plants. This has been noticed and encouraged by the school and her family. She is always eager to express her interest in this, and this is particularly evident whenever she is learning amongst the outdoors.

Evie also demonstrated this year a real fondness for wildlife, in particular whilst studying birds nesting in the school trees.

She is a worthwhile recipient of the Wildlife Award because of her care for, and understanding of, the natural world around her.