

May is International School Grounds Month. To help us celebrate this we are planning to hold a competition in school for children to design a sensory garden. The winning design will be created within our school grounds.

9<sup>th</sup> May –Heatherwood School – Outdoor Learning

The Eco-Committee really enjoyed their trip to Heatherwood School to take part in some outdoor learning as part of the International School Grounds Month project which is an Eco Schools initiative. The children had the opportunity to use the outdoor classroom to learn about plants, birds, bugs and local wildlife. Children enjoyed creating pictures using natural materials and a bug hunting activity. It was lots of fun and we enjoyed working with the children from Heatherwood School.

16<sup>th</sup> May - Let's Clean up Europe Event - which will be running from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Helping Hands Litter Pick

The Eco-Committee really enjoyed taking part in the Helping Hands litter pick at Elm Field Park. The children were shocked at how much waste was littered around the park and the hedgerows even though bins were provided. The children all shared the same concerns that the litter was making the environment look dirty and were worried about the safety of animals and wildlife because of human activity. Children were surprised that people were not aware of their responsibility to put their waste into the bin or to take it home. They collected lots of rubbish and are keen to start a litter picking club in school to keep our environment clean and safe.