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Bagthorpe Primary School in Nottingham celebrated World Environment day, and had a chance to show off their schools Breathing Place

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Maggie Morland (Let's Glow! Project Coordinator) told us what her school has been up to.

"I thought you may like to see what Bagthorpe Primary School in Nottinghamshire have been doing to create their 'Breathing Places'

The children got involved in a range of outdoor, environmental activities to celebrate World Environment Day (June 5th). We were helped by a number of very hard-working parents and volunteers from the Nottingham law firm, Browne Jacobson, who also presented the school with £2,000 to buy field study equipment and 27 pairs of wellies donated to the project by their staff.

These activities are part of the school's Breathing Places project which we've called 'Let's Glow!' (Grow and Learn Outside in Wellies!), which aims to improve the schools grounds for wildlife and enable every child in school to benefit from weekly outdoor learning sessions as part of their school curriculum.

Activities we did were:



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Planting many plants to brighten up the school grounds and create 'The Boggle' (a Green Man face) in the bog garden area

Building 3 large compost bins in the school garden

Sketching and environmental art work in the grounds, garden and woods

Creating poetry about trees ('Poetrees')

Building bird and bat boxes to put up around the grounds and in the woods

Making brushwood fences and habitat stacks in the woods

Building a 'Creature Comforts 5 Star Hotel' to create a place for minibeasts to live in the garden

difference for wildlife at your school. And it's not just wildlife that will benefit, the children will be learning new skills as well.

An 'archaeological dig' in the woods to find hidden treasures

We all had a wonderful day, in superb weather and ended it off with a well-attended 'Batty Evening' for parents and children, when we learned all about bats, played the bat and moth game to understand how echolocation works and walked around the grounds, watching bats and listening to their calls with a bat detector.

We all went home tired, but very happy."

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