



# News

May Edition 2018

## Editorial

Welcome to the May edition of NIFSA News. Thank you to everyone that turned up to the NIFSA CPD events. I hope that they were useful and you continue your Forest School journey with NIFSA.

## Hall of Fame

Arlene Dornan receiving the Official Forest School plaque after successfully achieving her Forest School Leader Level 3 Certificate in April 2018.



Louise Sunerton from Dundonald Primary School receives her Level 3 at the Belfast CPD day at Hazelwood Integrated Primary School on 24<sup>th</sup> May.



Hannah Dunlop receives her Level 3 when kindly hosting the Mid and East Antrim CPD day at Central Primary School, Carrickfeigus.

## Clandeboyne Open Day

A wonderful Open Day was had at Clandeboyne Estate on 27<sup>th</sup> May. Thousands of people all attended the event to walk around the beautiful gardens and enjoy the stalls. Proceeds will go to NIFSA and TCV for projects at Clandeboyne. Special thanks go to Lady Dufferin and Karen Kane and all the staff and volunteers at Clandeboyne.



Home of the Forest School Awards



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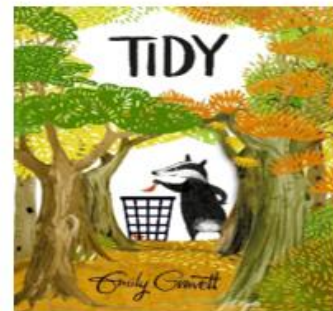


## Sharing Good Practice

Jacqui from Appletree Nursery in Garvagh has made some Rule Cards. They make it easy for the children to identify with the rules and also make sure the leader does not forget any of them. Jacqui carries them on a lanyard and uses them at the start of the Forest School session.



Stay outside the fire circle



Keep Forest clean and tidy



Don't put anything in your mouth



Look out for sticks/branches



Don't hurt any flowers, animals, trees or plants

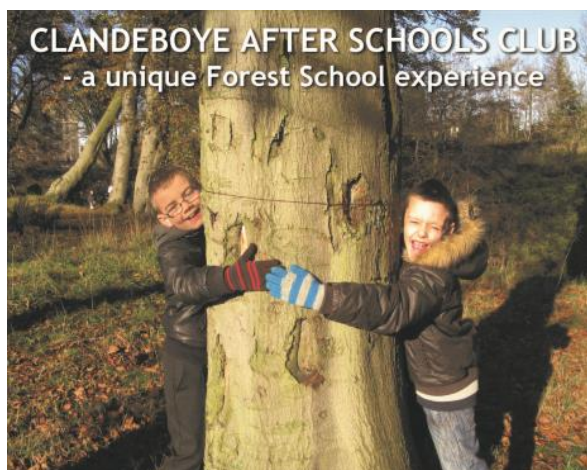


Look out for each other





**Clandeboyce Nature Rangers After School Club**



The Clandeboyce Nature Rangers is an exciting partnership between Clandeboyce Estate and the Northern Ireland Forest School Association (NIFSA). Children are picked up every day from their schools the North Down area and brought to Clandeboyce Estate.

Here they start their Forest School journey – playing, learning and making friends ALL OF IT OUTSIDE. The Clandeboyce Nature Rangers is the perfect after school solution.

**To find out more and enrol for September 2018 please attend our Information Day at Dendron Lodge, Clandeboyce Estate on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 11am.**

**Please confirm your attendance by contacting Karen Kane on 028 9185 3457 or [courtyard@clandeboyce.co.uk](mailto:courtyard@clandeboyce.co.uk)**

**NIFSA Statistics**

Since January 2017, NIFSA is working with 31 qualified Forest Schools, 71 new Forest Schools, engaged 14,140 pupils in outdoor activities and registered 74 Forest School Families (Forest School Family scheme started in August 2017).



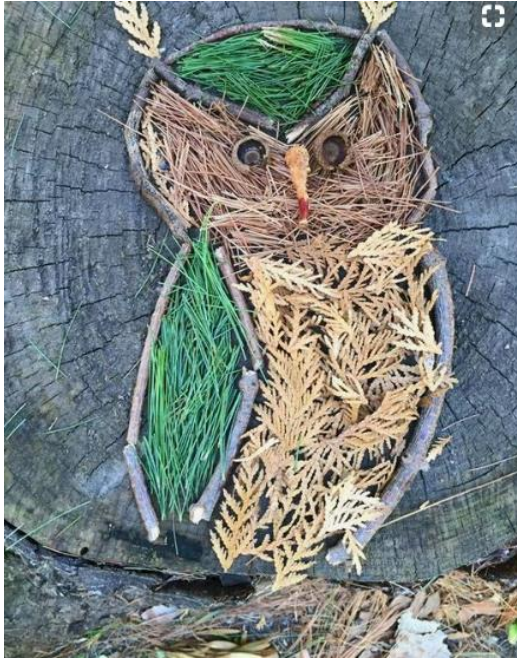
Pupils from Millquarter Primary School receive their Learning About Forests (LEAF) Nature Ranger Certificates for their 6 weeks of Forest School sessions at The People's Park in Ballymena. Thank you to Mid and East Antrim for their continuing support.



## Forest School Family

Use the natural objects found in the park or forest to create drawings.

Animals you might find in the forest.



Your favourite story.



Where you live.



Yourself.



Join the Forest School Family scheme now or encourage your pupils to join. It is totally FREE and will give you ideas to get outside and enjoy our wonderful environment. Use the qr code to register now.

