



MOSELEY in BLOOM Schools Project

MOSELEY in BLOOM is a charitable organisation, dedicated to making Moseley a greener, cleaner and even more attractive place to live, work and play. Our projects contribute to the community's sustainable regeneration and environmental improvement. Our charity operates entirely with volunteers, and our work depends solely on fundraising and charitable donations.

In 2018, MOSELEY in BLOOM launched a new initiative - to develop partnerships with local schools – by encouraging pupils, teachers, parents and parent-governors, to design and develop 'greening' projects on school sites. We are now about to begin our sixth year of partnerships, and are inviting you to apply for funding for the next academic year 2023-4.

The projects in the past have built flower and veg beds, erected willow domes, reclaimed wasteland where plants now flourish, offered peace gardens for contemplation, and provided shelter for birds and bugs! Importantly, they have encouraged pupils to engage with nature and have enhanced classroom lessons.

We are inviting all primary and secondary schools with a B13 postcode (or registered in the Moseley Ward) to submit an application for up to £500 to help bring your ideas to fruition.

Schools that have received MiB grants previously CAN APPLY AGAIN

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN BY: Friday 30th June 2023
APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY: Friday 1st September 2023
But the time to start planning is: NOW!



"The Wildlife Corner in our playground, supported by MiB, has given a great, green boost to our pupils. The beds are beautifully planted with perennials and the insects can enjoy them, too, as they check in to our bug hotel."

Our lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School



APPLICATION GUIDELINES

To help you get started:

- Chat with your pupils, parents and staff
- Consult online resources that offer wonderful ideas for gardening projects, classroom activities, health and safety checklists, competitions and awards.
- Register your school for the Royal Horticultural Society schools project via <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk>
- It is also worth reading the schools information on Cultivation Street <https://cultivationstreet.com/schools-information>



"In winter we built our willow dome. Now, the willow is a 'house' of eternal greenery and joy for the children, where they read, play and find peace in their growing hideaway."

King David Primary School

MOSELEY in BLOOM is accepting applications for funds up to £500. If your project will require extra funding above this you will need to raise it from other sources (e.g. school events, parent-teacher initiatives, governor contributions or grants from local and national gardening bodies).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- 1) Your school has a B13 postcode or is registered in Moseley Ward.
- 2) You have clearly identified the type of project you want to develop. So, for example, will you reclaim a 'grey area' of your schoolyard? Will you transform old beds into flower beds or edibles? Will you use your space for birds, bees or butterflies? Will you build a greenhouse to teach propagation and cultivation?
- 3) Your project is achievable within the academic year ending July 2024. We are looking to support new projects, or to help bring an existing project to completion. We are not funding general gardening activities at the school.
- 4) Your project is sustainable in the future.



SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT:

- 1) You have planned a timetable of activities for the academic year to develop and complete your project. You need to consider these activities in some detail (please read the application form carefully), and we suggest that you focus on a particular set of achievable tasks as part of a clear, practicable and discrete project.
- 2) You have itemised the cost of materials and associated activities for the project's development. We will not, however, pay for training courses offered by outside agencies or organisations.
- 3) You have identified two contacts at your school. One of these must be a member of staff, and the other can be drawn from your wider school community.
- 4) You have demonstrated ways in which pupils, staff and parents will be involved.
- 5) You have identified additional funding source(s) if that is required.



"Being part of Moseley in Bloom has been a fantastic experience. Pupils became engaged in making something meaningful. They developed independence, teamwork and knowledge, as they created colourful beds, hanging baskets and a bug hotel."



Uffculme School

IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO:

- 1) Produce two brief reports - one in the middle of the academic year and one at the end of the academic year. We will contact you with the report forms.
- 2) You will be available to meet with MiB Trustees at your school two times during the year. Trustees will arrange with your school a suitable time to visit, so we can say 'hello', chat about your plans, offer advice and assess the outcome of your hard work!
- 3) You will keep a visual diary (photos or videos) of your project's progress throughout the year. We hope that you will display this evidence of your school's achievement at our annual Open Gardens Event.
- 4) You will notify Moseley in Bloom of any changes to the project as it develops, or to changes in the staff listed as your contacts.



HOW WE CAN HELP

First, we encourage you to register your school with the Royal Horticultural Society schools project. Information can be found at <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk> We also encourage you to visit local public gardens and nature sites, to help pupils understand the value of green spaces for the community and environment, and to fire their imaginations!



"We are delighted with our new prayer garden - designed and planted by children and staff. It is a place for contemplation and a space to mark liturgical seasons. Heartfelt thanks go to Moseley in Bloom from our whole community."

SS. John and Monica

The MOSELEY in BLOOM website has a Schools Project webpage where you can download the application form and contact us with questions about the application process. The schools project page is: <http://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/schools>



Growing edible produce in the "pizza planters" at Moor Green Primary Academy



You can share interests and exchange ideas with other schools, friends and volunteers on our 'Friends of Moseley in Bloom' Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofMiB>

Applications are due in by:

Friday 30th June 2023.

You will be notified of the outcome by:

Friday 1st September 2023

Send your completed application form to: schools@moseleyinbloom.org.uk

