**[LOCATION] CHILDREN CELEBRATE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY**

*Children at [SCHOOL NAME] join thousands of others across the country to show why time outdoors should be part of every school day*

[DATE]: Children at [NAME OF SCHOOL] went outdoors to play and learn on [DAY/ DATE] as part of the global Outdoor Classroom Day campaign. The campaign – started in the UK in 2012 – aims to make outdoor play and learning part of every child’s day as organisers say it is critical to children’s health, wellbeing and happiness.

[DETAILS OF YOUR DAY HERE]

[HEADTEACHER NAME] said: *“There is a wealth of evidence that suggests that outdoor learning and time to play outdoors throughout the school day are beneficial to children, and I couldn’t agree more. When our children are outdoors they are more engaged, their mood is lifted and they are more active. Following our involvement in Outdoor Classroom Day we will be taking a serious look at how we integrate more time outdoors into every school day.”*

*Carley Sefton, CEO of Learning through Landscapes which leads the campaign in the UK and ROI, said: “Research including our Muddy Hands report shows that children who spend time outdoors have better mental health, are more physically active and are more resilient. Teachers who get involved in the campaign tell us the same thing, which is why we are delighted to see schools across the UK and ROI signing up again this year and showing the world why children need time outdoors every day.”*

Other schools can sign up to take part in the next Outdoor Classroom Day on the website: [www.outdoorclassroomday.org.uk](http://www.outdoorclassroomday.org.uk)

**ENDS**

For more information and to arrange an interview, contact:

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**About Outdoor Classroom Day**

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to inspire and celebrate outdoor learning and play. On the day, thousands of schools around the world take lessons outside and prioritise playtime. As well as having fun, they show how important and easy it is to give children more time outdoors. So that schools can participate on a day that fits with their climate and term times, the global campaign has two dates each year (visit the website for upcoming dates). The global Outdoor Classroom Day is led by [Semble](https://semble.org/) (formerly Project Dirt and a founding member of the campaign), in partnership with Unilever as part of their Dirt is Good movement. In the UK and ROI campaign delivery is led by UK school grounds charity [Learning through Landscapes](https://www.ltl.org.uk/), supported by Persil.

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**About Learning through Landscapes**

Learning through Landscapes was founded in 1990 and helps children to connect with nature, become more active, learn outdoors and have fun. Its transformation of school grounds and teacher training, alongside an unrivalled knowledge and expertise gained through practical action and research, has led to its reputation as the UK’s leading school grounds educational charity. While still predominantly working in the education sector LTL’s expertise has now been successfully applied to different fields including dementia care, working with young homeless people and species conservation.

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