

Floreat community garden – year 1 workplan (updated 23.09.16)

Month/milestones	Phase 1 – garden by hall	Phase 2 – kitchen garden	Phase 3 – rooftop playground
<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for Tesco funding • Coop scheme launches • Launch class bench sponsorship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on path and tidying – Saturday 25 8-1, Slawek plus 1-2 helpers (Harriet W, Lloyd N, Lee D) • H + a few helpers: Plant more climbers on road side and shrubs on back wall for year-round interest (arrived) • <u>Recruit organiser(s) for bulb day [to arrange]</u> • Start tidying: concrete pavers to bin store; chipboard to shed (both heavy!) • Remove stray netting from lawn • Send back smaller benches (Barbara) • Mow lawn (Lee) • Deadhead flowers so they keep flowering • Install fairy doors • If possible plant more herbs the school can use in cooking (eg parsley, mint, chives, tarragon – along centre of back wall) 		

<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First class bench sponsorship funding raised? • Need to thank Slawek for path work • Bulb day / opening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 1 Oct – complete path Slawek plus 1-2 helpers [decide who] – could also do some tidying • Sat 8 Oct – tidy up work day: When path done - tidy away remaining bricks/pavers to bin store and arrange potted plants nicely + finish concrete pavers/netting if needed – need a few strong adult helpers as they are heavy [need to arrange] • Source and plant a few more colourful flowers into rainbow ahead of bulb day eg red cyclamen, more yellow pansies • Install smaller benches once replaced (need cement) – before bulb day if possible • Climbers already planted need ties taking off and support to climb (clematis by wall, climbing fuschias, jasmine) – trellis or canes?? • Open garden for school + church to use • Bulb day and garden opening with MP 16 Oct from 10am tbc: Rose for MP to plant. Kids plant rainbow of bulbs in front of rainbow of plants in same colour order, any leftovers can go under shrubs and climbers on street side and back wall. If seeds have arrived from Grow Wild sow wildflower seeds on top. • General maintenance: weeding, deadheading flowers so they keep flowering etc. as needed • Spruce up lawn in half term– mow, feed, water, re-seed – or replace it (would need funding). If possible plant English bluebells, crocus and other bulbs under grass under trees at same time (under turf before re-laying or when sprucing up grass). (Barbara lead contact – need to recruit people and source feed/seed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising 	
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<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class bench sponsorship complete? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeding and general maintenance as needed • Collect free horse manure from Wimbledon stables and put into compost bin to rot down • Sow wildflower seeds in early November if not done already • At least one school gardening activity between half term and Christmas eg daffodil planting in pots to take home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan kitchen garden site 	
<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should hear about Tesco funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First climbers by wall should be flowering – enjoy! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [if funded – start on kitchen garden] • Dig spaces for fruit trees and bushes, removing unwanted planting, and add compost? • Plant bare rooted fruit trees and bushes? • Source and build raised beds? • Put copper tape around sides of raised beds to deter slugs and snails 	
<p>January</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidying as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill raised beds with topsoil-compost mix • Install more compost bins • Collect free horse manure from Wimbledon stables and put into compost bin or a raised bed to rot down 	

February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulbs come up and flower – enjoy! 😊 • Dig another flower bed by bug hotel and compost bins, and add lots of compost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install cold frames and/or mini greenhouse? • Make firm path between raised beds – concrete pavers? Bark? • Engage gardening grandparents 	
<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coop funding comes through – how much will it be? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bulbs flowering 😊 • Mulch with compost around shrubs • Plant more shrubs, and seeds for summer flowering in new bed • Plant summer/-flowering bulbs under trees and amongst new shrubs eg wild cyclamen, alliums, crocosmia • Dig out and plant dinosaur fern bed (if funded) –on hall side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start planting veg seeds • Start garden club • Expand watering rota • Ask gardening grandparents with greenhouses to start some veg plants for us • Slug control – nematode treatment (slug pellets not allowed when kids there) • Slug pellets over easter holidays when kids not around? 	
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing general maintenance eg pruning, weeding, mulching, watering etc. • Dig out and plant dinosaur fern bed (if funded) –on hall side • Install sculpture in dinosaur bed? • Plant summer bedding plants? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant wild strawberries, blueberry bushes, other veg seeds 	
<p>May 5-21 May: Wandsworth Arts Fringe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy the garden • Wildflowers should be flowering • Plant collection of hardy fuschias 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep planting succession seeds eg salad crops • Pick first harvest eg radishes, salad 	

June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy the garden – general maintenance • Prune shrubs after flowering (check which needs pruning when – needs some gardening expertise) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep planting succession seeds eg salad crops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan phase 3 garden
July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School fair – can we do garden tours? Exhibit or sell produce? • Encourage kids to enter Wandsworth Horticultural Association show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy the garden – general maintenance • Prune shrubs after flowering (check which needs pruning when – needs some gardening expertise) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watering! Picking! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear planters ready for planting and add compost
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watering and tidying up! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watering! Picking! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source plants
September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHA show early Sept – can we enter our produce? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant autumn colour as needed • Prune shrubs after flowering (check which needs pruning when – needs some gardening expertise) • (if agreed with school) Build a raised pond in corner by scooter shed and fence off – leave space for possible beehive behind pond to come later 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watering! Picking! (beans, blueberries, cherry tomatoes, salad, melons) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant raised beds with the kids

Possible extension of project if capacity / funding:

- Spruce up beds around playground and outside of school

- Buy and fill planters on the pavement that bikes can be chained to
- Adopt and spruce up other beds along Garratt Lane e.g. outside health centre (if still there after centre rebuilt)