

Garden Newsletter

April 2024



Echo Eternal Curriculum Garden

Echo Eternal Garden Flowering Cherry.....

This is the flowering cherry planted by Peter Lantos in the garden.....



**Gorgeous
Blossom.....**

Wild garlic is growing in the garden.....



Here you can see two big pots of wild garlic that we have grown from plants in the green - these are plants that have been started off and are then planted on.... We can either keep them in the pots or once they have finished flowering, we can plant them in the ground where they will continue to grow and naturalise.....

If you have never tasted wild garlic, then you need to..... You can eat the flowers, the leaves, even the bulb in the ground but then if you eat the bulb, then you will not get any wild garlic the next year – not only is wild garlic such a “free” source of food but it is a food source that keeps on giving, year after year, indeed some people forage for wild garlic and then use it in so many ways. Also, wild garlic produces some absolutely stunning white flowers.....



Wild Garlic..

Echo Eternal Curriculum Garden Plant Labels.....

A new addition to the garden area is the way that we are writing our plant labels – the foreign language taught within the school is Spanish.....

With this thought in mind, our double-sided plant labels now have the English plant name on one side and the Spanish translation on the other side of the label.

Another very subtle way of involving the garden with the school curriculum.

Remember the official name of the garden also includes the direct link to the Echo Eternal Project plus the school curriculum.....

Below you can see some examples of the English – Spanish Plant Labels.....



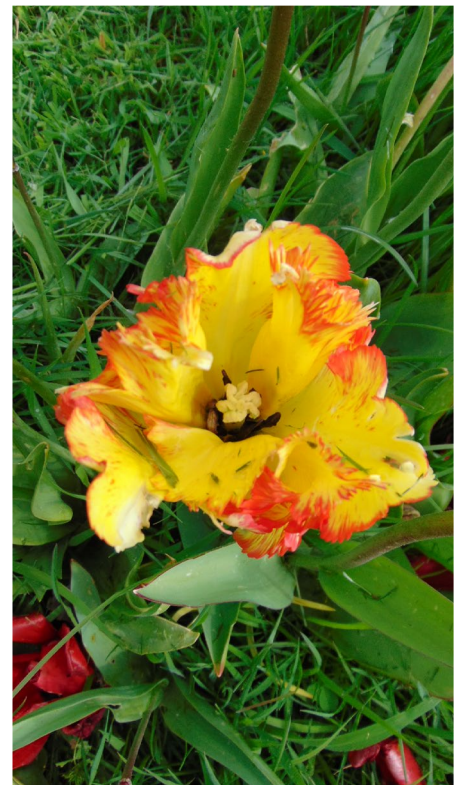
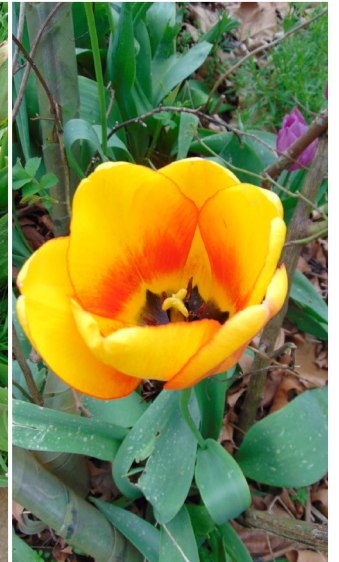
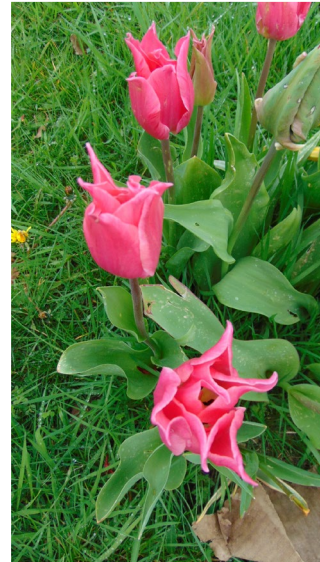
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Tulips are stunning.....

Following on from the show that the daffodils have provided, we now have some absolutely stunning tulips providing some more super colour.....

Here you can see some of these tulips.....



Stunning apple tree blossom.....

At this time of the year – yes, it is spring! although it feels more like winter there is plenty of new growth particularly trees that have blossom.....

You have already seen the stunning Cherry tree blossom on the front page plus below you can see the stunning Apple tree blossom.....

Hopefully we will get a crop of apples this year.....



Apple Blossom

New themed planting areas being developed.....

The overall brief of the garden area is to develop a garden space that involves as many aspects of the school curriculum plus of course the significant legacy of the schools involvement with the Echo Eternal Project and the pledge to continue this legacy. Hopefully we are going somewhere to achieve these aims. Watch for the continued development of this space..



Four new themed planting areas.....

We have been busy building four new themed planting areas.....

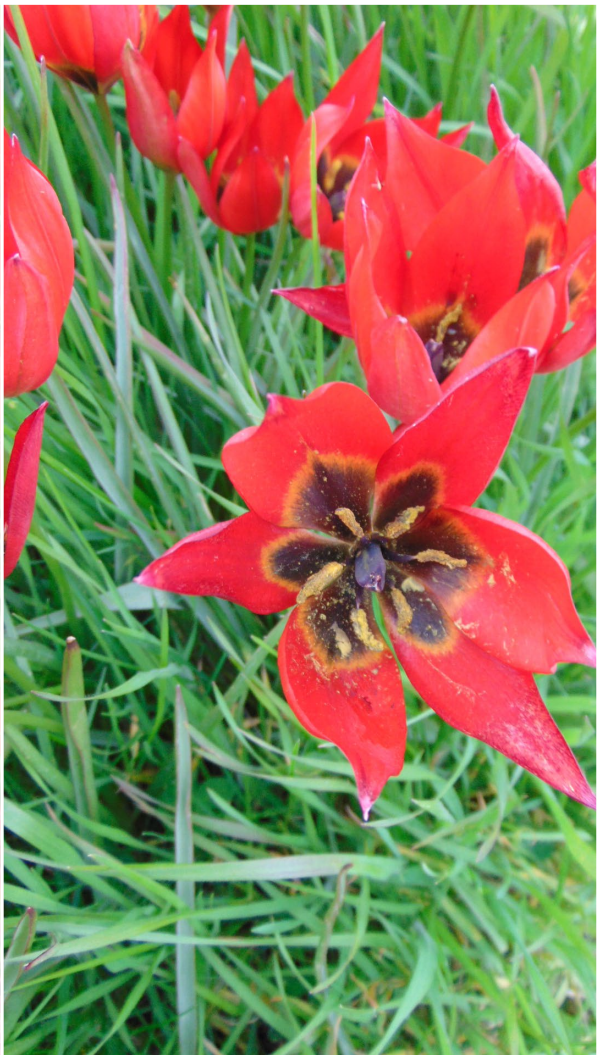
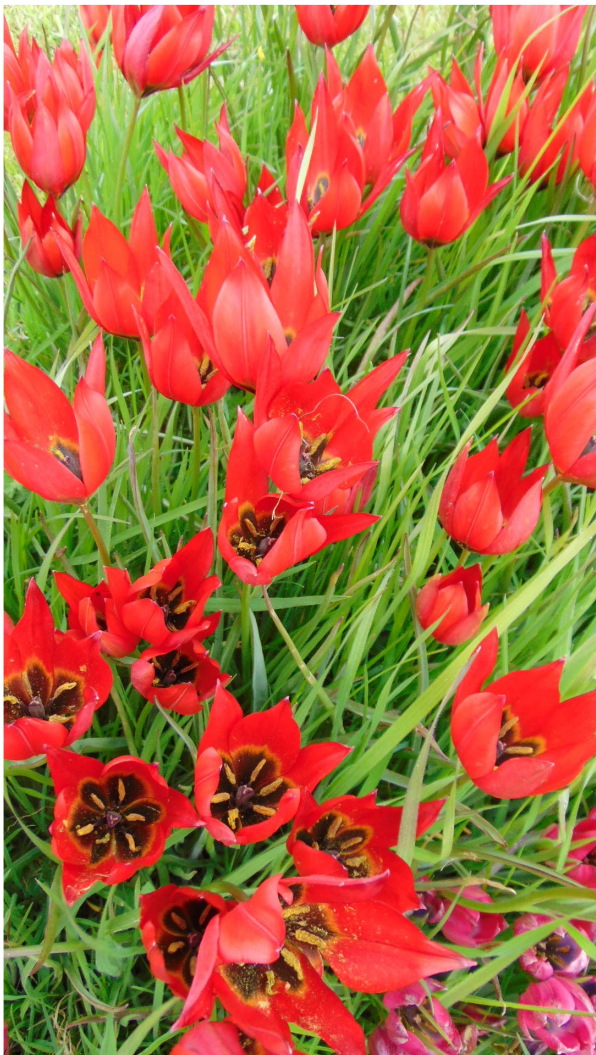
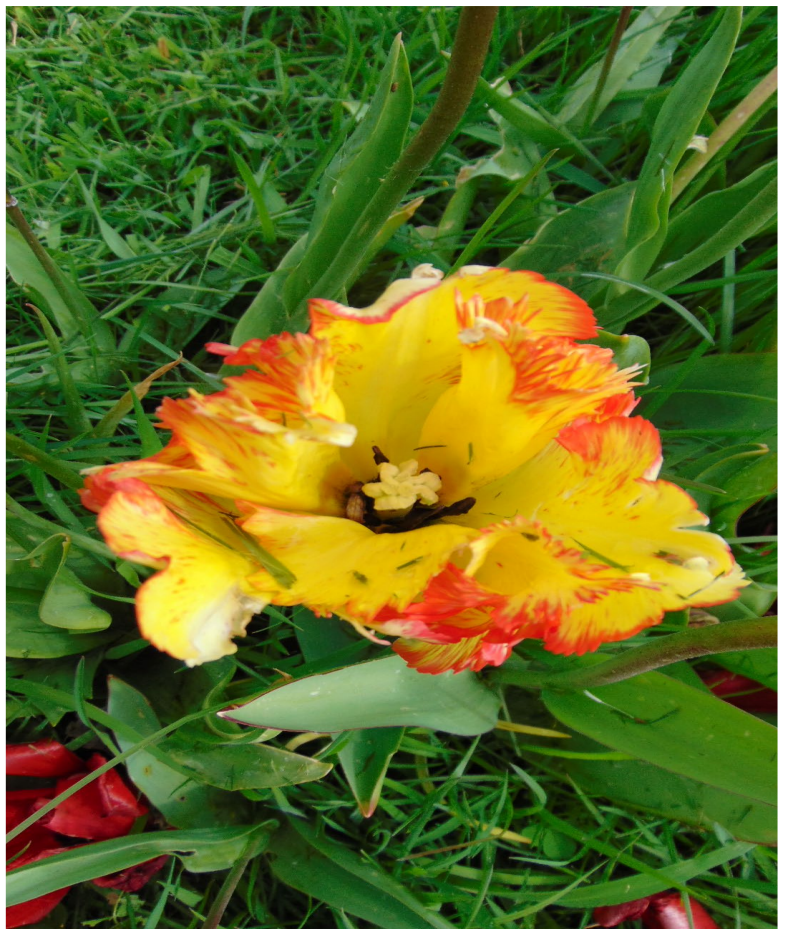
The preparation is just about done in these areas, now it is a case of planting these areas up. Watch out for the next edition for more developments on these areas.....

Colourful planting work underway.....

Here you can see some planting work has started with Osteopurnums or as some people call them African Daisies. They will hopefully provide us with some colour throughout the next few months.....



Stunning details in these tulips.....



Blackcurrant bushes are all planted now.....

Here you can see some of the Blackcurrant bushes that we have planted....

We have planted 20 bushes in total that have all been funded and provided by Smart Learner Driving School. Once these fruit bushes establish themselves, they might produce some fruit this year but definitely next.....



Here you can see another of our plant labels in Spanish....

Blackcurrant – Grosella Negra

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Borage [English] – Borraja [Spanish]

Borage is a herb that is relatively easy to grow, a plant that produces blue star shaped flowers, indeed, Borage is sometimes called Star Flower.....

Borage is a real favourite of the bees but also has culinary uses too.....

The leaves if you can overcome the furry nature taste like cucumber plus you can also use the flowers both for cake decoration and in salads.....



Borage like many herbs has both culinary and medicinal uses.....

Anyone using herbs for medicinal uses need to seek qualified help as many herbs can have some serious side effects. Likewise people who forage for food really need to know what they are picking and how they can use it.....

Strawberries are looking good.....

Here you can see two big pots of strawberries that we have planted up....

The plants are looking lush and are starting to produce some flowers that we hope will be followed by some juicy succulent fruit.....



Rhubarb is looking great.....



Borage tastes like cucumber.....



New garden area development.....

Below you can see a new garden area development, this development which will evolve over the next few weeks has a very significant theme.....

This area that is being set up has a significant historical theme.....



Watch this space.....