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**The Bridge Garden
Poly Tunnel Special....**

Fyffes sponsor the school growing programme.....

We are delighted to announce that Fyffes have agreed to sponsor the school growing programme – the deal amounts to a significant amount of money that will provide a tremendous boost to the growing programme.....

After agreeing the sponsorship deal, we have decided to invest the money in the purchase of a poly tunnel – this addition will provide a great boost to our growing programme allowing us to grow throughout the whole year.....

This new addition will also give us the added bonus of having an indoor, protected growing space which when it is set up properly will also provide us with an indoor classroom area too. Follow the poly tunnel installation



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Poly tunnel over the following pages***

Fyffes – President Kennedy School... Press Release.....

President Kennedy School, part of The Futures Trust is celebrating a major financial boost to their school gardening project with the news that they have received significant sponsorship that will fund the installation of a poly tunnel. The sponsorship funding has come from Fyffes, a leading fresh produce business. They are the UK's primary supplier of Fairtrade bananas and work in support of communities both at home and abroad. Fyffes specialise in tropical fruits such as bananas and pineapples and have their regional banana ripening and distribution centre in Coventry.

Fyffes Brand Manager, Paul Barrett, commented "Encouraging young people to understand and love healthy foods is one of the company's ambitions so we're delighted to be working with President Kennedy School on their school gardening project and can't wait to see the new facilities take shape. The plans being put together look amazing and they're especially supportive of the school's Building Brighter Futures concept."

The addition of the poly tunnel will be a massive boost to the gardening and growing programme at the school and indeed will also reach out to the extended community of The Futures Trust allowing the feeder Primary Schools to have access to the new facility which is effectively an all year round outdoor classroom.

The starting point.....



On the left you can see the starting point for the installation of the new poly tunnel..... Follow the transformation of this open muddy space into a fantastic new covered growing space that will be a great addition to our growing programme.....

Poly tunnel base...

Step One – the steel base is set out.....



On the left you can see the steel base has all been set out before it is all fixed together.. From this base the rest of the framework is then assembled.....

Base set out

Step Two – framework assembly moving on.....



Now that the steel frame has all been fixed together, the rest of the framework can be assembled to give us a clear indication about the size of the indoor growing area that we will have to work with.....

Framework assembly continuing..

Step Three – Framework set up continuing.....



On the left you can see the continuation of the framework set up with the door frame assembled ready and in position..... Once the steel framework has all been fitted together, the whole structure is fixed into the ground with steel posts to give it excellent ground anchorage... A vital component of the poly tunnel set up especially bearing in mind some of the extremely high winds we have been experiencing in recent times.....

Poly Tunnel framework set up.....

Step Four – Cover is being set up.....



Now that the steel framework has all been set up – now is the time to start to put the cover over the framework to create our indoor poly tunnel space..... As you can see the cover goes on in sections with the main section going on first which is then securely fastened before the back and the front sections are added..

Poly tunnel cover being set up.....

Step Five – Cover work continuing.....



Above you can see that the back end of the poly tunnel has now been covered so the coverage of the tunnel is getting closer to completion.....

Step Six – the front of the tunnel is now enclosed.....



On the left you can see that the last stage of the poly tunnel cover is now being put in place – this will almost complete the poly tunnel set up.....
Once the entrance door is fixed and the door handles are set up, we are almost ready to get started on preparing the interior growing space.....
Also, the sides of the poly tunnel have a system that will allow us to vent the sides when the temperature rises but at the same time this system does not allow insects into the poly tunnel.....

Step Seven – Guttering to both sides is being fitted.....



Guttering to both sides is being fitted which will feed into two water butts that we are going to set up – with the surface area of the poly tunnel being a considerable space, it will allow the capture of a significant amount of water – excellent for watering our crops plus environmentally friendly too.....

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Step Eight – the poly tunnel interior.....

Below you can see the interior of the poly tunnel – this interior space now needs to be prepared and set up ready for growing. Raised beds will be set up and some safe walkways will be set up too, to create a fantastic protected working space.....



Interior set – up work.....



***President Kennedy School – The Futures Trust
Our poly tunnel will give us 24 square metres of
indoor, protected growing space.....***

