

**Autumn  
2021**



**The Bridge Garden  
Newsletter No 53**

**A time to celebrate our successes.....**

**Autumn 2021.....**

After a summer of very mixed weather, indeed virtually the whole of this growing season has been mixed, it is time to celebrate the successes of what we have grown and then comes a time of reflection to see what was successful and also the need to reflect and see what did not work.....

Follow the pages below to see some of our work.....

**Produce aplenty.....**

**Peas, garlic, red onions and yellow onions – all freshly harvested.....**





## **Lots of cucumbers have been harvested.....**

**Here you can see one of our cucumbers that is just about ready to be harvested....  
As soon as they reach a dark green colour, this is a good indicator that they are  
ready to be picked and then enjoyed too.....**





## **Purple Crimson Climbing Beans.....**

**This is most definitely a crop that we will look to grow again – not only did we harvest plenty of very tasty beans, but these plants also produce some stunning and really striking purple flowers – an example you can see in the photograph..... Another interesting point here is that the deep purple pods actually change to green when they are cooked.....**





## **Bee enjoying our Golden Rod.....**

Bees are always most welcome visitors to our garden space because of the most vital job that they do in our gardens – without bees pollinating our fruits and vegetables we would be unable to grow lots of crops, so the role of the bees cannot be underestimated at all.....





## Lots of onions.....

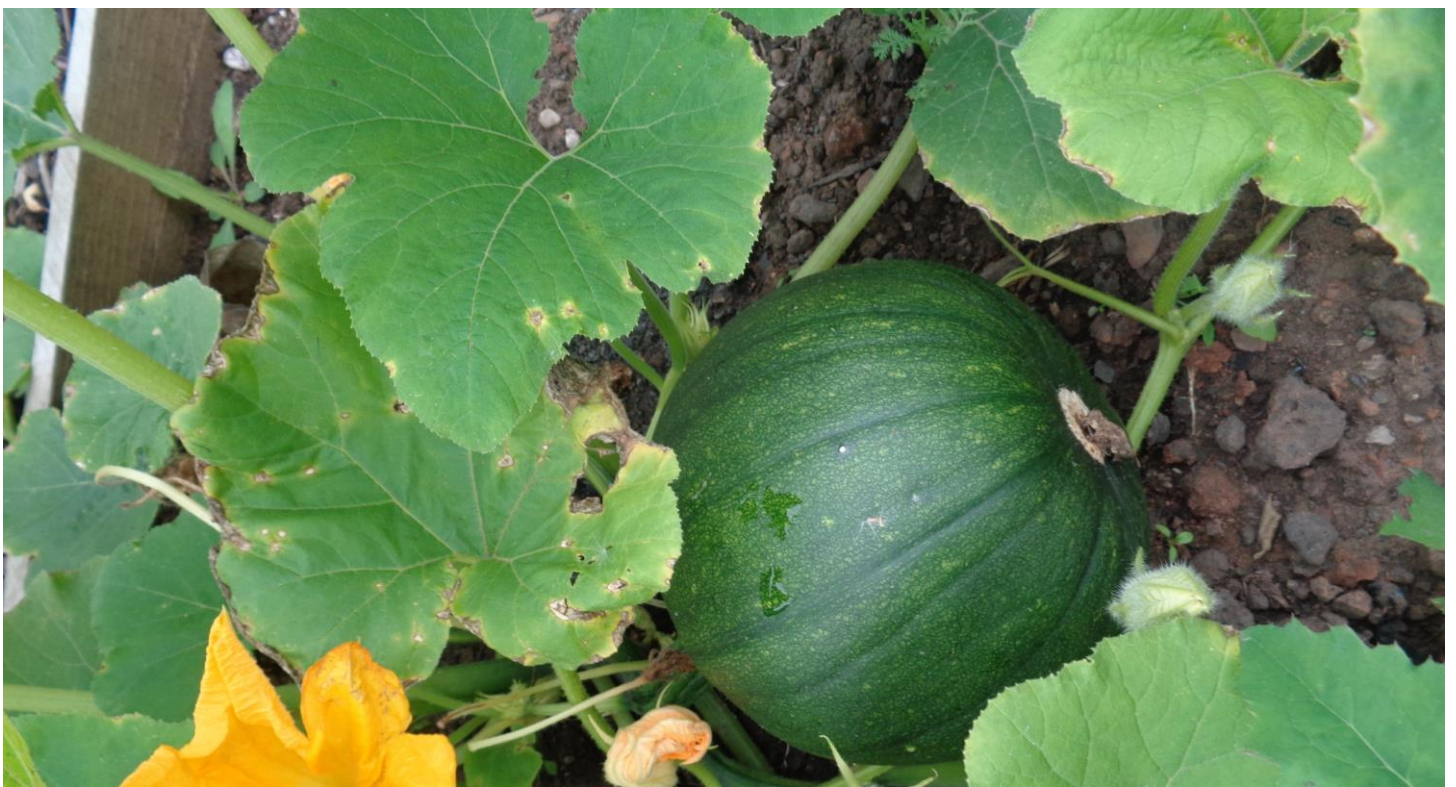
Here you can see plenty of onions that we have harvested – they are now drying so that they will store for longer.....





## **Pumpkins are growing well.....**

**A plant that definitely relies on the bees and other pollinating insects are pumpkins – here you can see a small pumpkin forming behind a female flower and then below you can see a bigger pumpkin.....**





## **Same plant family – Cucurbits both need pollination....**

**Below you can see a courgette called Rugosa Friulana which is an Italian variety... Courgettes are part of the same plant family - Cucurbits which include Pumpkins and Cucumbers. All plants that rely on pollination.....**



**Subway continue to support our schools growing work**



# **Schools growing work**



## **Apple tree is loaded with fruit.....**

**Here you can see one of the apple trees in The Bridge Garden which as you can see is absolutely loaded with fruit – we will need to harvest this fruit very soon....**





## **Pumpkin is nearly ready to harvest .....**

**This is the biggest of our Pumpkins which we will leave on the vine for a little bit longer to see if it will colour up a little bit more in the late Autumn sunshine.....**





## **Rugosa Friulana courgettes are growing quickly.....**

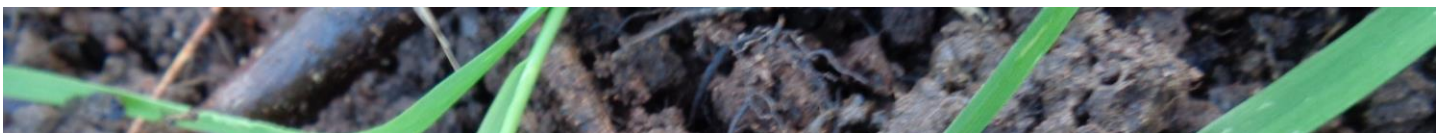
**Not the most attractive of fruits but these courgettes not only grow quickly but they also have a great taste too.....**





## **Ladybirds are very welcome too.....**

Ladybirds are very welcome visitors to our garden as they munch through lots of unwelcome aphids.....



## **Not welcome at all!**

Just the opposite here, slugs particularly in damp conditions are an absolute menace as they can and often wreak havoc in the garden.....





## **Another super looking pumpkin.....**

**This is another super looking pumpkin which we have growing in The Bridge Garden – this fruit is ready to harvest.....**



## **Marrow is growing happily in The Bridge Garden.....**

**When you leave a courgette to continue to grow they turn into a marrow.....**

**Here you can see a courgette that is doing just that.....**





## **Most expensive spice planted.....**

Below you can see one of the two big pots of saffron crocuses that we have planted up – they are being kept in our cold frame so that the squirrels do not get to them. Saffron crocuses produce the most expensive spice in the world on the filaments inside the flowers so we do not want squirrels or birds getting to the plants first. They will be protected inside the cold frame.....



# **Saffron Crocuses..**



# Big new garden development underway.....

We are currently working on a big new curriculum garden development which has lots of different features that will, when completed see the garden area utilised for lots of different aspects of the school curriculum.....

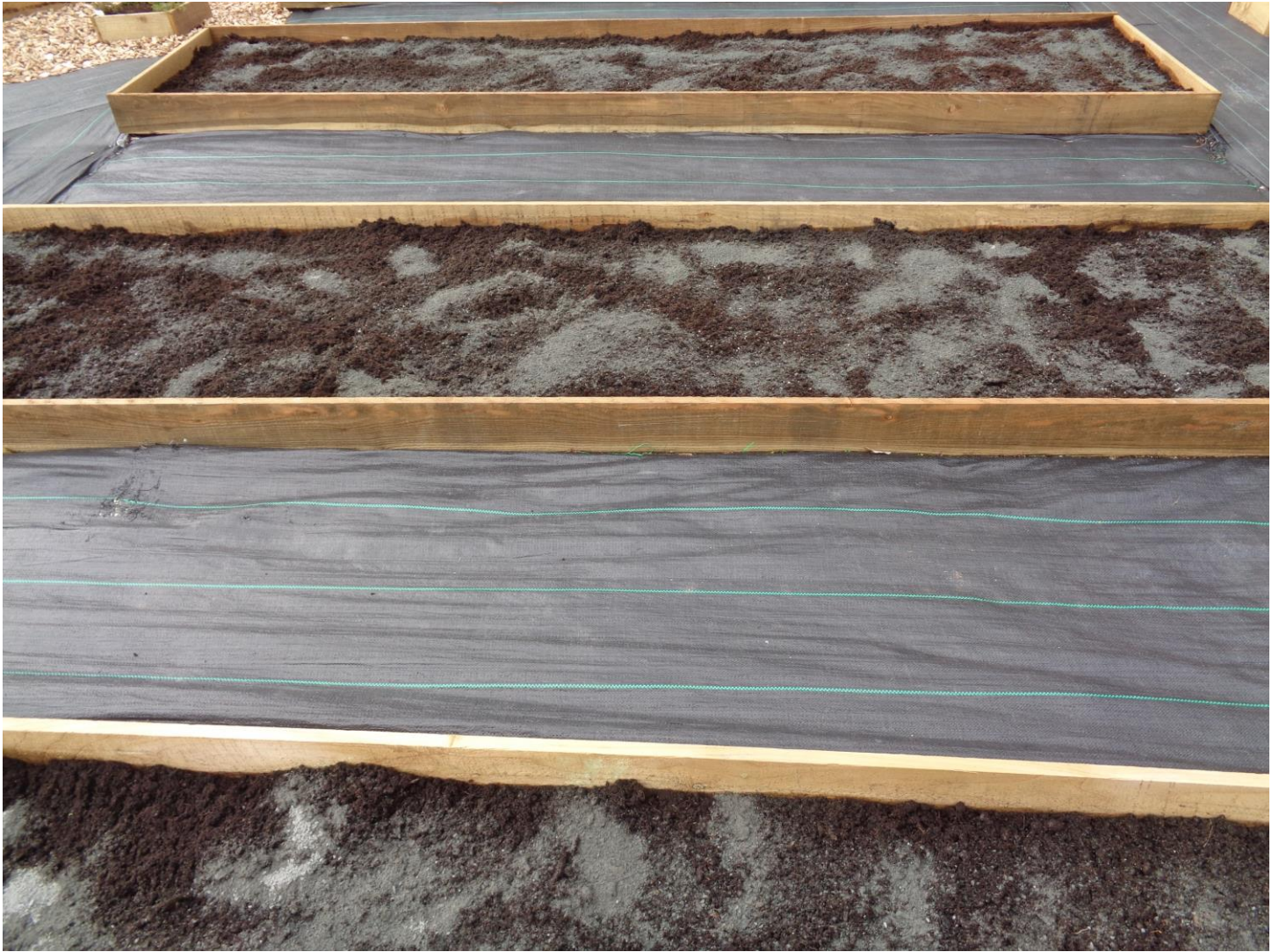
A special Newsletter will be put together outlining this new development.....

Essentially the garden area is being built around a Carbon Capture Garden with a NO DIG philosophy which we will outline more in the special newsletter.....





# REMIN ROCKDUST.....



Carbon Capture Growing and Gardening.....

REMIN ROCKDUST being applied.....



Carbon Capture  
Gardening.....