



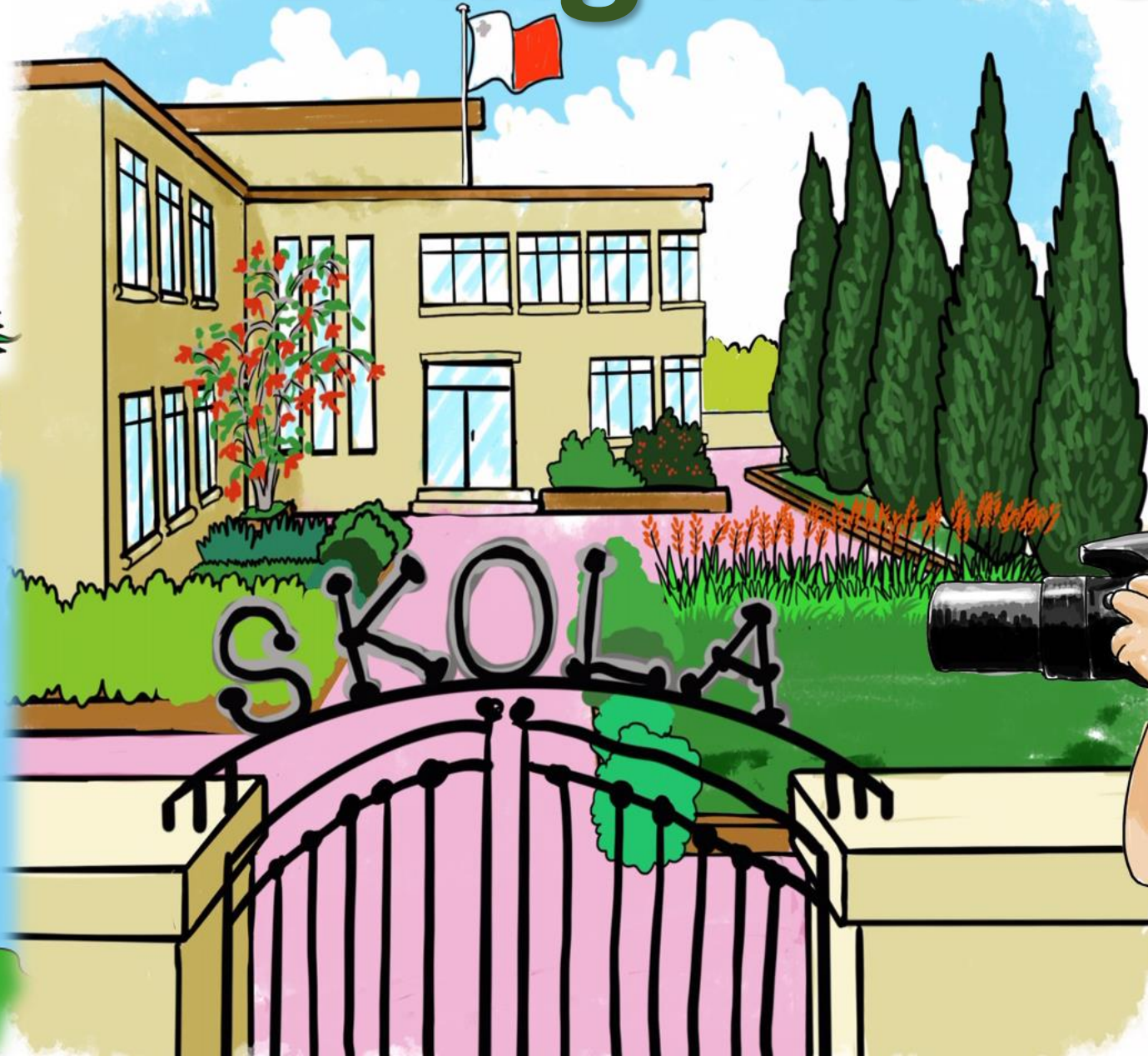
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Creating spaces for nature



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Bring nature back





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Wildlife gardens in schools: Why?

- ❖ Nature is under threat! Act to increase urban biodiversity!
- ❖ Great for plants and for the animals and minibeasts that live there
- ❖ Green spaces boost health and well-being
- ❖ Learning through nature contributes to the holistic development of children
- ❖ Connecting children with nature will instil care for the environment
- ❖ Nature offers a variety of learning opportunities for all ages
- ❖ Early years, especially, need the sensory, experiential and hands-on approach that nature offers

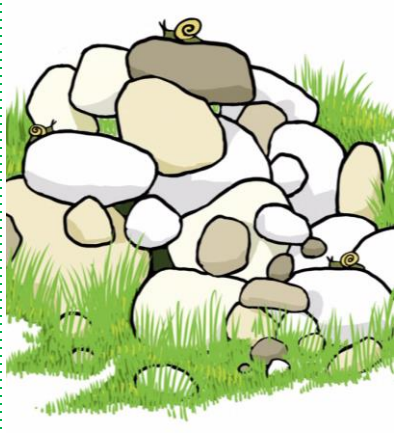
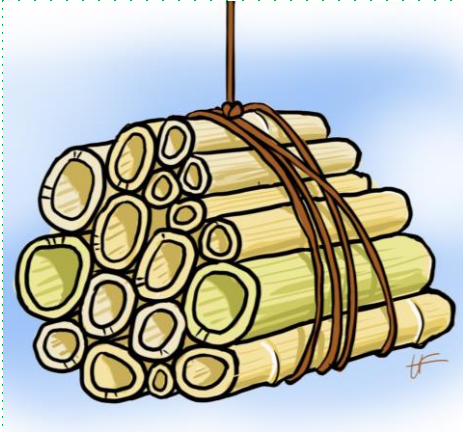


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Wildlife gardens: What to consider

- ❖ **Plants:** ideally choose native species and include plenty of pollinator-friendly plants
- ❖ **Water:** make sure there is a water source for hot days and animals visiting the garden
- ❖ **Ponds:** can provide wildlife rich habitats
- ❖ **Homes:** create homes for various creatures, such as a bee hotel, bug hotel, bird nest boxes
- ❖ **Large trees:** provide perches and nesting sites for birds
- ❖ **Paths:** to walk and enjoy!

Make homes for wildlife!







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Design spaces for nature in a school with no soil

St Michael's is a small school in Malta surrounded by concrete with no access to soft land. They succeeded to improve the little space they have and enable teachers and students to carry out learning through nature.

They have managed to:

- ❖ Design quality spaces for education
- ❖ Create habitats for nature

Design phase



Implementation



Teacher training





Welcoming wildlife



More creativity



More wildlife

Growing plants, exploring seeds



Learning through nature - science



Learning through nature - maths





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Make use of all spaces to integrate nature

St Joseph School Blata l-Bajda is a church school in Malta which had an abandoned plot of soil, restored now back to life!

They have managed to:

- ❖ Create a wildlife garden to increase urban biodiversity
- ❖ Create a recreational and relaxing space for students
- ❖ Carry out learning through nature



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Design phase

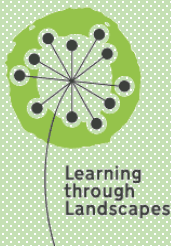


Plan and implementation



Before and after





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Sensory garden

Esplora Science Centre in Malta decided to have a sensory wildlife garden for students visiting:

They have managed to:

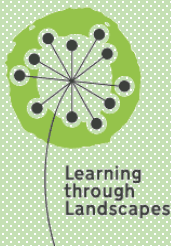
- ❖ Improve biodiversity
- ❖ Discover science and nature together

Before and after





**Bring children
and nature
together!**



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Be the next school to create a wildlife garden!



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