

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

2016 Overview

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THE BIG NUMBERS

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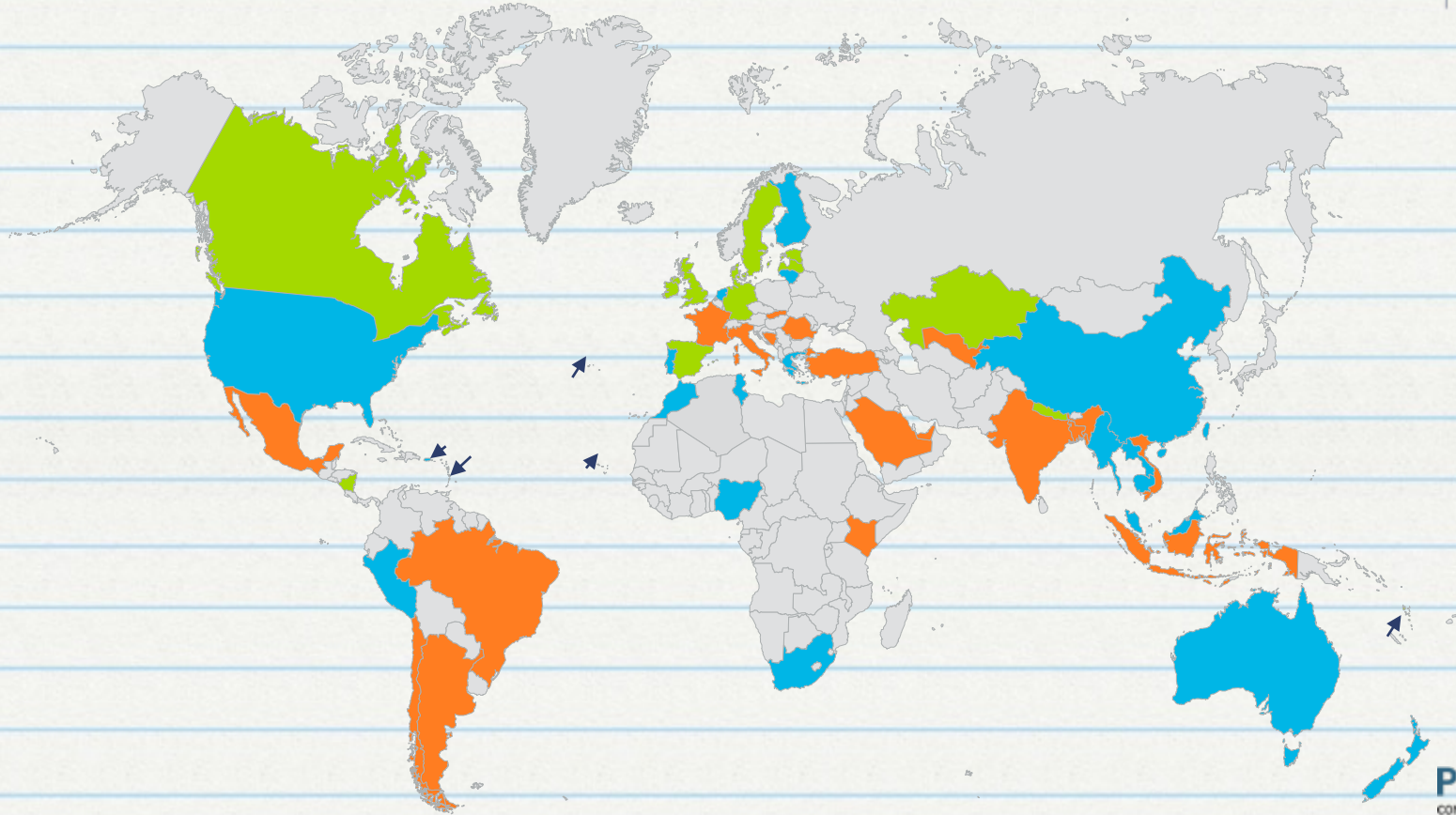
51 COUNTRIES | 3,354 SCHOOLS | 481,261 CHILDREN



**FROM CANADA TO KAZAKHSTAN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TO NEPAL,
AND MANY MORE...**

WHERE IN THE WORLD

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WHERE IN THE WORLD



Country	Schools	Children	Country	Schools	Children	Country	Schools	Children
UK & Ireland	1,578	246,814	United Arab Emirates	4	2,625	Lithuania	1	150
Portugal	550	48,428	India	4	1,566	Austria	1	100
Spain	217	67,123	China	4	1,430	Fiji	1	84
Canada	199	13,181	Indonesia	4	490	The Netherlands	1	60
Brazil	138	18,758	Slovenia	4	271	Nepal	1	60
USA	93	8,857	Germany	4	78	Tunisia	1	40
Finland	84	3,353	Switzerland	3	443	Nigeria	1	40
Croatia	47	1,417	Malta	3	59	Sweden	1	30
Australia	24	3,702	Bosnia & Herzegovina	3	54	Malaysia	1	30
France	18	433	South Africa	3	53	Denmark	1	28
Czech republic	13	1,286	Pakistan	2	540	Argentina	1	27
Latvia	10	1,060	Antigua	2	177	Belize	1	23
Romania	9	716	Kenya	2	94	Cocos Islands	1	20
Italy	9	139	Slovakia	2	87	Kazakhstan	1	19
Turkey	8	657	Brunei	2	48	Chile	1	17
Poland	6	255	Trinidad & Tobago	2	27			
Saudi Arabia	5	449	Hong Kong	1	360			
Greece	5	270	Belgium	1	250			

51 COUNTRIES!

PLANS...

“Taking pictures at the hands and feet to share on social networks and school page” - Portugal

“We play and investigate on the street” – Spain

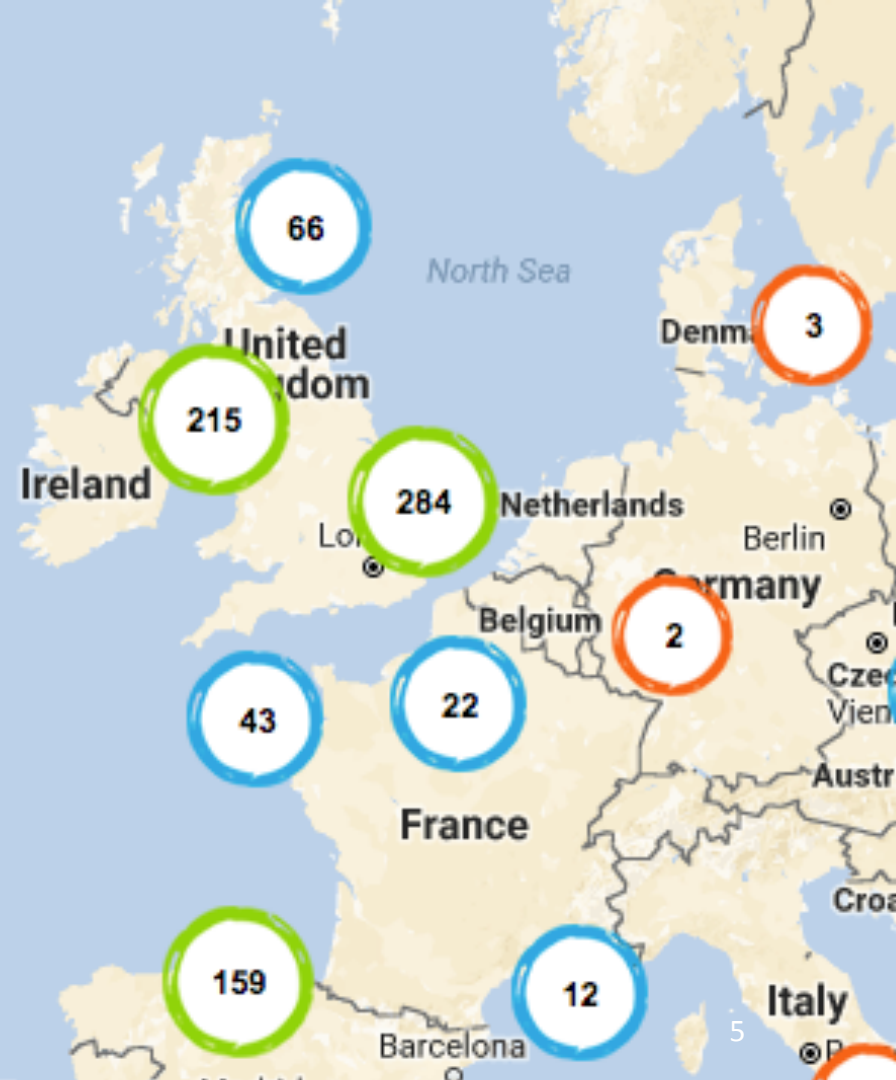
“Scavenger hunt to find signs of Autumn” – Ireland

“Une marche en plein air à la découverte de notre belle campagne!” - France

“Orientation games and planting in the yard of school.” – Greece

“Leaf crown leaf treading. Make a pile and jumping.” - Turkey

“It is the first time but it seems a fantastic idea!” – Spain



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“Kids participate planting seeds and knew parts of flowers and how to grow it with fun” – Saudi Arabia

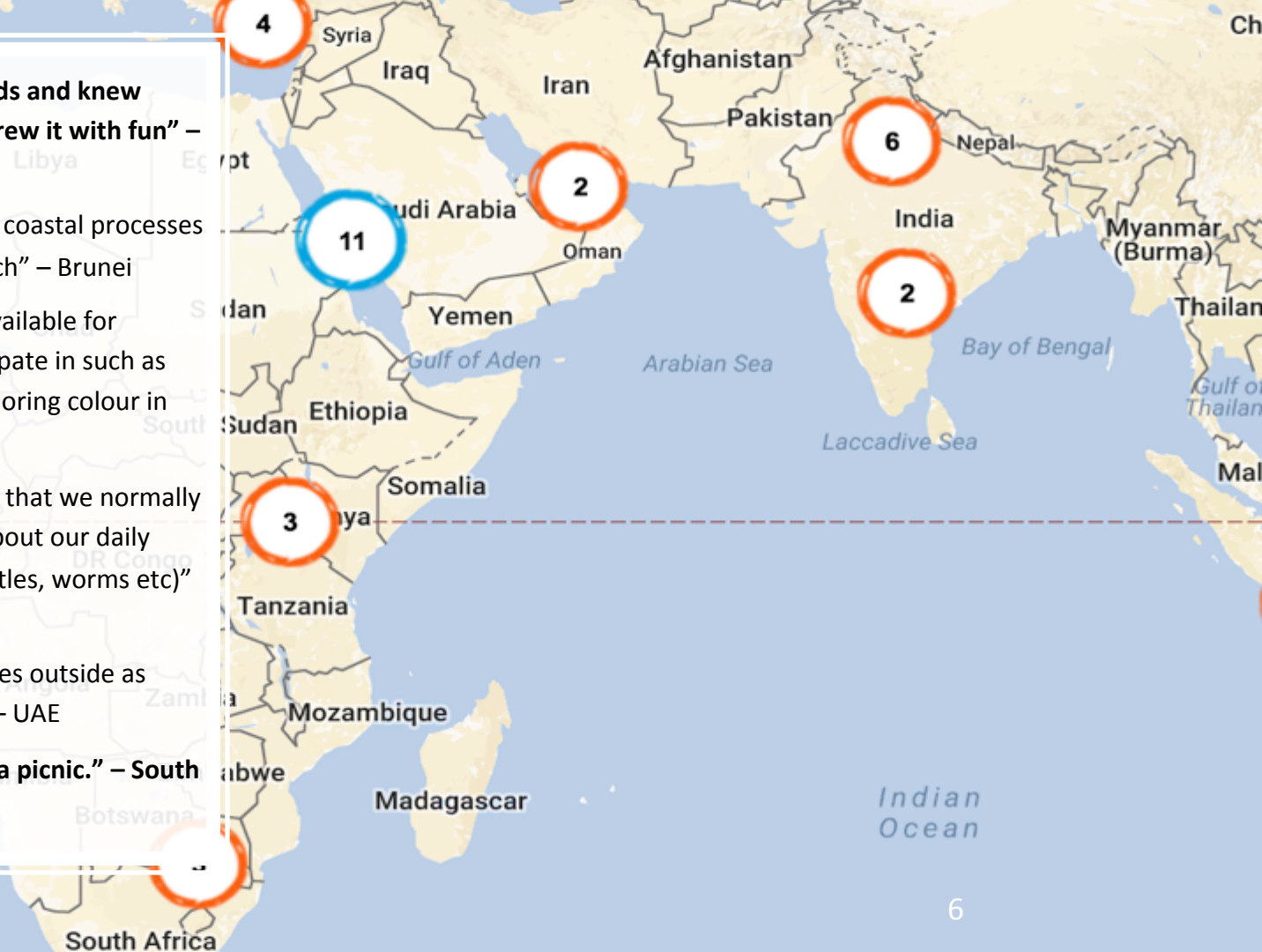
“Geographical investigation of coastal processes and landforms at Berakas Beach” – Brunei

“A range of activities will be available for children and parents to participate in such as weaving, art, story telling, exploring colour in nature” – China

“Learning about other animals that we normally assume don't exist as we go about our daily routines (butterflies, ants, beetles, worms etc)” - Kenya

“Teach as many different classes outside as possible throughout the day” – UAE

“Outdoor reading games and a picnic.” – South Africa



“Arrange Skype with other country schools students about out door class room day “ – Pakistan

“планируем” - Kazakhstan

“take students outside to learn about bugs and the importance they have in nature” – Chile

“To have outdoor sporting activities” – Fiji

“Beauty in our world' photo taking “ – Canada

“We will read the book Minnesota's Hidden Alphabet as a whole group and then in pairs take the iPads outside to capture nature that looks like alphabet letters.” USA

“Paint the wall with water” – Trinidad

“Focused workshops in three areas: body and movement, playfulness and art and culture” – Brazil

“Play the games of our grandparents” – Brazil

“Walk” - Italy



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



62 PAGES ON #GlobalEdChat

 **Stacy Gasteiger** @StacyGasteiger · 11h
A2 Not outdoor learning, but can really tell difference when really bad weather keeps kids from recess for a day or more. #GlobalEdChat

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 **Margo Isabel** @drmisabel12 · 11h
A2 Cross grade level collaboration has been amazing when doing activities outside #globaledchat

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 **Gail Molenaar** @Rylone3 · 11h
Is recess enough for kids? 3 hrs a day of unstructured play is best? #globaledchat

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 In reply to CathPrisk

 **Tim Kubik** @Kubikhan · 11h
@CathPrisk A2 It heightens powers of observation and description, both science and ELA skills. There's more to see! #globaledchat

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 **Michelle Pearson** @tchpreservation · 11h
@CenturyAdams12 believes outside is geat and hikes monthly with our students in the Rockies! #globaledchat

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#GlobalEdChat is one of the most popular forums online, attracting participants from all over the world to discuss a variety of topics related to education.

IN THE NEWS



children & nature NETWORK

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EL PAIS

Una campaña para concienciar sobre la importancia del juego al aire libre

La ONG Ayuda en Acción, junto a Unilever, han puesto en marcha la campaña Día de las clases al aire libre el próximo 6 de octubre, una jornada en la que participan unos 500, que pasarán la mañana jugando al aire libre, con programas educativos. "En España, un 11,3 % no realiza ninguna actividad extraescolar de ningún tipo, subiendo a un 27,9 % en la población más desfavorecida", añade Alicia Blasco, responsable de Alianzas Estratégicas de Ayuda en Acción en Cataluña y Baleares. "La campaña está recibiendo muy buena acogida por parte de los centros. Y está dirigida exclusivamente a Segundo Ciclo de Infantil y Primaria", añade. "Entre las actividades y talleres que se desarrollarán durante esa jornada, incluido un estuche que se entregará a los colegios participantes, cabe citar una yincana de juegos del mundo, enfocado a educar en valores, siguiendo nuestro criterio como ONG; hay otro sobre Mozambique y los alumnos podrán hacer collages, entre otros. Todos se harán al aire libre", prosigue esta experta.

Outdoor Classroom Day

fee.global - September 30, 2016 | By Nicole Andreou | In the News



Outdoor classroom day is an important learning opportunity for children. It helps them learn about the world around them, develop resilience, teamwork, leadership and creativity. And parents can also benefit from the experience.

News & Commentary

In the News
THE NEW NATURE MOVEMENT
Columns by Richard Louv
Guest Writers

ABOUT THE NEW NATURE MOVEMENT: Commentary by Richard Louv & Guest Writers

play AUSTRALIA promoting the value of play

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Play in the News
Outdoor Play: Tallish's One Year with Paris Allen in 31
Kids Culture: 2016 Conscious Life Festival - Sunshine Coast Qld
27th IOPC World Play

Outdoor Classroom Day 2016
29 August, 2016 - 09:44 — Renae
Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to inspire and encourage teachers across the world to take lessons outdoors on Thursday 6th October. Over 1,800 schools are already signed up to take around 230,000 children out on the day, but we need your help to reach even more!

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'Outdoor learning: the key to happy, healthy and creative children'

Leah Shafer
5th October 2016 at 17:05

October 10, 2016

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How 'My Name, My Identity' Can Create a Global Consciousness Locally | Main | We Need to Teach Feminism to End Global Violence

Outdoor Play and Learning Teach Critical Life Skills

By Guest Blogger on September 6, 2016 1:39 PM

Teachers often think they lack time to take children outside—yet there are many benefits to making the time to do so. Cath Prisk, a children's policy consultant and the Global Partnerships Manager for the Outdoor Classroom Day campaign at Project Dirt, explains.

ACTIVE FOR LIFE

Raising physically literate kids

PHYSICAL LITERACY NEWS ROLE MODELS ACTIVITIES REVIEWS TIPS • Q & A

A global campaign is urging teachers and parents to get kids outside

Outdoor Classroom Day, a global campaign from London, England, is encouraging teachers and parents everywhere to support outdoor learning.

If outdoor play and education matters to you, join others around the world on October 6.

BUILDING HYPE BEFORE THE DAY...

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#OutdoorClassroomDay
#DiadeAulasaoArLivre
#AprendiendoAlAireLibre
#OsaaUlkona
#EcoleenPleinAir
#DiaDeAprenderBrincando

Mmfra_Ghana



In this children's #park the
#environment as #thirdteacher rules!
#outdoorclassroomday #Accra
<https://t.co/s6beu3JaUw>

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Marcos Piangers



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BRINCANDO

Este é um post patrocinado. Fui convidado pela marca Omo a apoiar um dia incrível: O Dia de Aprender Brincando. ...

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macetesdemae

#Repost @macetesdemae with @repostapp · · · No dia 6 de outubro, quinta-feira, vai acontecer uma ação muito legal em várias escolas ...

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estefmachadobl... Following

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estefmachadobl... Tem coisa mais gostosa do que brincar na lama? Amanhã é o Dia de Aprender Brincando, aquela ação apoiada pela ONG @codeescolasaprendiz e pela Omo, onde várias escolas saem para brincar ao ar livre! A professora do meu filho topou entrar na corrente vai fazer uma atividade com BARRICO Amanhã vou lá me infiltrar e fotografar tudo pra mostrar depois! #diadesprenderbrincando catarinadamw @jaguiherme @silvialpocci@arhao younica_oficial Criança suja de barro = criança feliz! <https://t.co/4m5tj...>

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wearewildwoods



More weaving fun #spiders
#OutdoorClassroomDay #forest fun
@thegudgeonboa @Gefgjhdtvh
<https://t.co/Kim6SfuHqx>

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outdoorclassroomday Believe in the power of outdoor learning and play! Get involved in #OutdoorClassroomDay on 6th October!

rangrumah_printing 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌
asep_naparin_khen permisi kak, hanya share Stress banyak pikiran!! 🙏🙏
🙏Bosen gak ada penghasilan ????

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SCOTLAND

Scouts Scotland Retweeted
 Lochgoilhead Centre @INACLochgoilhead · Oct 6
 It's brilliant seeing schools celebrate outdoor learning for
 #outdoorclassroomday! Here's why it matters to us:
[linkedin.com/pulse/celebrat...](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/celebrat...)



USA

Jen Kepler @jenkep · Following
 "Don't hurt the worms. Be nice to the creatures!"
 #outdoorclassroomday @lifeatasm @usmdrama



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Sonia Noronha Pote @Sonia_Noronha · Following
 Enjoying the nature walk and looking for bugs and ants
 @OutdoorClassDay #OutdoorClassDay
 @26Dakshamehta @KNargish @DxbModern
 @senresh



MALTA

Emma paris @Emmapar40782543 · Oct 7
 Infittxu s-shab barra fix-xemx :) #outdoorlearning



TURKEY

Ayhan SEZDIRMEZ @ayhansezdirmez · Following
 #outdoorclassroomday
 To day our group collected recyclable material, tomorrow we will make some useful tools with them.
 @ayhansezdirmez



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CANADA

Chera Smith @ms_cherasmith · 2h
 #mindfulness #selfregulation #outdoorclassroomday @OutdoorClassDay
 Morning Yoga @srsbscasces @SouthShoreRSB



SOUTH AFRICA

Grootbos Foundation @GrootbosNGOZA · 9h
 Not all classrooms have four walls! @OutdoorClassDay



SCHOOLS ENCOURAGING OTHER SCHOOLS IN THEIR COUNTRY TO GET INVOLVED...

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Lumiar added 2 new photos.

3 hrs · €

Vandaag is het #OutdoorClassroomDay! Zo'n half miljoen kinderen hebben vandaag niet binnen, maar buiten les!

Nederland is ook vertegenwoordigd, door welgeteld één school (kuch...), en dat vinden we wel een beetje sneu.

Daarom een oproep: Kom op beste scholen, zeg nou zelf... dát moet toch beter kunnen?! Neem die kinderen vandaag nog mee naar buiten, de wijde wereld in! ❤️

<https://outdoorclassroomday.com>

Today it's #outdoorclassroomday! So half a million children have today, not inside, but outside of class!

The Netherlands is also represented by exactly one school (cough...), and we'll find that a bit sad.

That's why a call: come on best schools, well, you tell me... that's gotta be better?! Take those kids today, to come out into the world! ❤️

<https://outdoorclassroomday.com>

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Mrs. Bissell @Mrs_Bissell_ · 18h

I've signed up! @MrsCalvertScdsb, @MSTAmantTeach, @heymrs_robinson who's with me??? @JKE_Family

WE SAW SOME AMAZING ACTIVITIES

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OBSERVING NATURE



THE BIGGEST CARROT EVER!



NATURE-INSPIRED DESIGN



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CANADA SHOWING OFF!

NaturePlay Film and 8 others follow



Jane Weiss @ejaneweiss - 4m

Now that's how to engage students #OutdoorClassroomDay #veryvancouver
#wildaboutvancouver #outdoorlearning



WE SAW SOME AMAZING ACTIVITIES

FOR MANY, IT WAS ABOUT CELEBRATING NATURE



 **Robin Ste. Marie**
@SteMarieIn403 Following

Kinders went on a color hunt to find things in nature that match their paint chip
[#outdoorclassroomday](#) [#WeArePLSAS](#)



RETWEET 1 LIKES 8 

 **BluebellsChildcare**
@BluebellsCM Follow

No technology, just nature.
[#OutdoorClassroomDay](#)



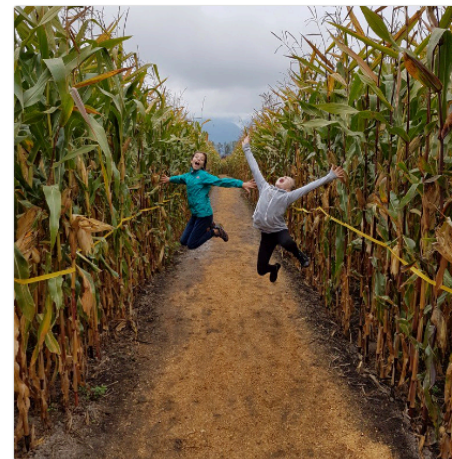
RETWEET 1 LIKES 2 

9:10 AM - 6 Oct 2016

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 **Lisa VanDalfsen**
@lsavandalfsen Following

Students were jumping with joy on
[#outdoorclassroomday](#) [@ChwkCornMaze](#)
[#bcag](#) [#PlaceBased](#) [#sd33learns](#) [#getoutside](#)



RETWEETS 3 LIKES 8 

WE SAW SOME AMAZING ACTIVITIES

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OTHERS SHOWED THAT YOU DON'T NEED A 'SAFE' FENCED PLAYGROUND TO GET INVOLVED!



 Ayhan SEZDIRMEZ @ayhansezdirmez · 17h
#outdoorclassroomday Hi everybody .
Vakıfbank atatürk secondary is ready for
outdoorclassroomday. good to get dirty
@ayhansezdirmez



 Grootbos Foundation @GrootbosNGOZA · 9h
Not all classrooms have four walls! @OutdoorClassDay



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 estefimachadobL. Following

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estefimachadoblog E hoje eles fizeram um forno de barro para assar pão! Prepararam a massa com água, terra e até açúcar! Com muita animação, sorrisos, abraços, trabalho em equipe e banho de mangueira pra corar! Que privilégio estar numa escola que enxerga a importância desse tipo de experiência na vida de uma criança. Obrigada querida Dona Susana! Obrigada #DiaDeAprenderBrincando pelo convite! No blog tá cheio de fotos! Até o ano que vem com certeza! @outdoorclassroomday coisasdalara Demais grasiellebarbresco Que foto incrível!

Add a comment...

AND THE ONE WE'RE MOST JEALOUS OF!

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NINGALOO OUTLOOK – AUSTRALIA



Sue Pillans @suepillans · 10h

This is my #OutdoorClassroomDay & I love bringing #ocean #STEAM into #schools & being a #STEM #rolemodel #bestjob Lets #connect #scicomm!

👤 You, Women in STEMM Aust, Techgirlsuperheroes and 7 others



👤 4 ❤️ 11 ⋮



Sue Pillans @suepillans · 12h

So that's a #turtle? My fav #science is for everyone moment in #Ningaloo Outlook on #OutdoorClassroomDay @CSIROnews @bhpbilliton #scicomm

👤 You, IOL Outdoor Learning, Children & Nature and 7 others



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Sue Pillans @suepillans · 18h

The ultimate #OutdoorClassroomDay Engaging #schools in the #STEM of #tagging #turtles 4 #Ningaloo Outlook #scicomm @CSIROnews @bhpbilliton

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HIGH-PROFILE SUPPORT

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GIORNATA DELL'AULA-ALL'APERTO

perchè Fuori c'è una scuola bellissima tutto l'anno

6 Ottobre 2016



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#fuori #fuoricèunascuolabellissima
<http://www.bambininatura.it>

Marcos Plangers



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KIDS
Dare to Explore!



thegreenparent...

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thegreenparentmag Growing green
schools #greenparentmag
#outdoorclassroomday #greenschools

Timothy Start takes a bite out of the
#apple he has just #harvested from his
#school #playground. "It's really good,"

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Seasons Explorer



AND THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY

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Barbara Dagg
@MsDaggsClass



Following

@OutdoorClassDay Definitely the moment when one kid threw her arms around me and said "this has been the best day ever!" 😊 #outdoorsisbest

THANK YOU!

Browse the "Get Inspired" tab on the www.outdoorclassroomday.com website for more inspiration.

WHAT NEXT?

Outdoor Classroom Day 2017!

Thursday 18th May

SIGN UP!



Jen Keppler @jenkep - Oct 6
"Getting dirty is fun!" #outdoorclassroomday
@LifeAtUSM @USMLowerschool @gbongiorno @ejvertacnik

