

Film your Outdoor Classroom Day

Here are our top ten tips to film *your* Outdoor Classroom Day:

1. **Keep it short:** Think around 30 seconds maximum.
2. **Capture activities:** Show children while in action; learning, playing, smiling, being weird, being honest and talking about how much they love being outdoors.
3. **Phone in landscape:** Hold your phone in landscape to capture the widest possible angle of activity.
4. **Clean your lens:** Make sure your lens is clean. A smudge could spoil the film.
5. **Get your mic up close:** If you are capturing someone talking, get your mic or phone close to them. This usually means holding it at arm-length or closer. If you are in noisy surroundings, get even closer.
6. **Make eye contact with the children:** If you are asking children questions, hold the phone to one side and make eye contact with them and do not look at the screen. That way they'll feel like they are talking to you.
7. **Prepare questions:** Prepare a few questions to ask the children to make sure you capture what they think about their Outdoor Classroom Day, their favourite bits and how they're feeling. Check out a list of suggested questions to inspire you below.
8. **Get in on the action:** When filming action shots, do not worry about the sound. You can move the camera around and get close to capture what's happening. Or keep the camera still so we can concentrate on the action.
9. **Film from the children's height:** It feels much friendlier and more real if you get down to the height of the film stars. If you are moving with the children, try to keep your wrist gentle and soft and your arm moving smoothly. If your wrist is rigid and jaggedly, the film will look weird, jumpy and wrong.
10. **Take several takes:** Keep trying several shots. Film from above, from below and turn the camera on yourself and put yourself in the picture too. Watch them back and keep the good ones.

Most importantly, get outdoors and have fun!