

BACK TO THE GARDEN

Using nature as a support for learning



ESTONIA STUDENTS AGED FROM 11 TO 12 ENVIRONMENT LEARNING OUTDOORS

THE SCHOOL

- Muraste elementary school
- Medium size school, surrounded by nature
- The school considers it important to use nature and school surroundings as a learning environment.

Familiarity with the open schooling approach before joining the SALL project

Beginner

Experienced

AHA MOMENTS

Shared by teachers and school staff: The school community was very happy to work on the living lab project and they loved the outcome. The parents involved gave positive feedback and were happy that they had the opportunity to take part. School is interested in continuing to develop their garden and create new activities that can be directly linked with the school garden.

THE LIVING LAB PROJECT



THE PROBLEM(S)

This living lab project aims at preserving the natural environment surrounding the school and encouraging students to feel themselves as a part of that environment. The project focuses on rebuilding and developing further the school yard. Participants also want to create more opportunities and activities for outdoor learning.



THE COMMUNITY

- Parents were involved in gardening
- The school maintenance staff helped in building the planting boxes
- A local gardening company provided soil for the plants bed



THE SOLUTIONS

- Build new planting boxes
- Use the garden as a support for maths, geography, history and arts lessons
- Involve parents in gardening, even beyond the school year



THE PROTOTYPES

- Planting boxes
- Lessons plans, directly linked to the school garden



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