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


A Wild Day in the Woods with Forest Oak School and National Highways!

Guess what happened when some grown-ups went down to the woods one blustery autumn day? ** No, it wasn't a teddy bears' picnic—but it was a big surprise!

Eight enthusiastic team members from National Highways swapped their desks for wellies and raincoats to join the amazing team at Forest Oak School for a day of muddy, magical teamwork. Led by Forest School leader - Andy, and welcomed with warm smiles from Assistant Head - Emma and Community Lead - Penny, the team was ready to roll up their sleeves and get stuck in!




Mission of the Day?

Build, fix, clear, and create! The team tackled all sorts of exciting outdoor projects:


-  Built brand-new **mud kitchens** (because who doesn't love cooking with leaves and twigs?)
-  Cleared overgrown plants to make space for more fun
-  Repaired the **tipi** for all-weather adventures
-  Built cool new **log seating** for forest gatherings



But this wasn't just about tools and teamwork—it was about community. Forest Oak's Forest School is a magical place where children get to learn outside, explore nature, and enjoy hands-on activities. It's especially important for pupils with special educational needs, giving them a safe, exciting space to grow, play, and learn.

 Thanks to this brilliant collaboration:

- Pupils will soon be planting bulbs that will bloom in spring 
- The mud kitchen will be bubbling with nature's ingredients 
- The tipi will be ready for stories, games, and shelter from the rain 
- And there'll be outdoor fun for every season!

But wait—there's more! Forest Oak has big dreams to expand Forest School for all year groups, including Year 7 and beyond. To make that happen, they're looking for more volunteers, funding, and community partners to join the adventure.

 Next on the wish list?

- A super cool outdoor pizza oven 
- A total makeover for the bug hotel 

By the end of the day, the National Highways team had not only helped build and improve the space—they also discovered new skills, made new friends, and left with muddy boots and happy hearts.

🌟 Forest Oak showed just how powerful community spirit can be—bringing people together, creating amazing opportunities for children, and proving that learning doesn't always happen in a classroom.

Assistant Head, Emma at Forest Oak said “Its been brilliant having the National Highways team on board. Their hands on approach has been invaluable so has the impact on the site.This collaboration has been a shining example of a partnership where NH volunteers rolled up their sleeves and helped lay the groundwork ,literally, for something really special!”





Other photos can be accessed here

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