

# Keresley Newland Growing.....

## Summer Term One 2019.....

Now this is the time of the year when anyone who grows or is a keen gardener really becomes very busy indeed – this is the case in the school garden as we look to maximise the frost - free warmer weather which are the perfect conditions for seed sowing and planting.....  
Follow some of this garden work progress.....



Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> 2019.....

Lots of growth all over the allotment.....

The broad beans that the Year 3 children sowed back in the autumn really are making some super progress – lots of green growth coupled with lots of flowers will hopefully mean a big crop of fresh tasty broad beans in the coming weeks.....



## Broad Beans



Fig tree has fruit.....



Weed growth.....



This is the real downside of any warmer wet weather – yes, the weeds grow very quickly too!!

So, there is plenty of work to do.....

Growing Bed prepared for planting.....



More  
preparation



## Community Mining Monument.....

A focal point within the school garden is the mining monument which provides a vivid memory of the Keresley Colliery which was such a focal part of life in Keresely Village which provided plenty of employment and was a way of life for many residents in the Kerseley area. We have been busy trying to keep this area weed free but it is proving difficult because the weed that is causing the problem is called horse tail which is a really difficult weed to shift. But we will persevere..... Below you can see the mining monument.....



## Barlotto Beans are looking good.....



## Rainbow chard seedlings...



Here you can see the Barlotto Beans that have germinated as have the Rainbow Chard seedlings which you can also see growing.....



## Rocket potatoes planted out.....



Here you can see that we have planted out our Rocket seed potatoes on the school allotment.....

Take a look at the progress that the seed potatoes have made in a matter of weeks...



## Rocket Seed Potatoes.....



## Potatoes earthed up.....

Here you can see the potato plants have now been earthed up – this means that soil has been piled up along the sides of the plants to prevent any light reaching the potato roots under the ground – if the potato plant roots are exposed to light the potatoes will turn green which makes them inedible.....



## Lots of borage growing in the garden.....



Here you can see the borage that is growing in the garden area.....

Borage is a plant that attracts the bees and other pollinators.....

Also, borage leaves are edible plus the flowers can be used in drinks and to decorate cakes.....



## Bio - diversity area is developing.....

The bio – diversity area that we have set up is taking shape with the bug hotel that is now surrounded by wildflowers that are growing fast – hopefully they will be in flower soon, plus the herbs are growing well now that they have established.....



## Radishes are growing fast..... Carrots too.....



If you look carefully you can see that our carrot seeds have germinated.....

This variety is called Flakee.





## Allotment work is ongoing.....

Below you can see that we have set up our runner bean canes ready for our runner bean plants to climb up – also we have sown some rows of dwarf beans too to try to maximise the growing space that we have available.....





Lots of work still to be done!!.....

