



# Aldryngton's grounds development plan

Staff meeting

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011

# Those in attendance

Who	Role	Specific interest
Sharon Bartlett	Lunchtime team	Enhancement of facilities for lunchtimes
Julia Franks	Bursar	Special interest in finance and securing additional funds
Julia Marshall	LS Team leader	Recreational and curriculum use for infants, development of gardens
Ian Head	Chair of governors	Playground surface, creation of shade and maze , storage issues addressed
Terri Gregory	Deputy Head	Netball court, multi purpose line markings & outdoor stage
Claire McDonald	US Team leader	Develop curriculum use, extra shade, flower beds and playground markings
Emma Dunn	MS Team leader	Developing MS area and opportunities for drama / English outside
Katie Thorn	PE subject leader	As TG and JM but also storage and outdoor learning area in LS
Elaine Stewart	Headteacher	Wildlife and eco issues to be addressed
Also invited		
Andy Kiziak, Mr and Mrs Hanson (parents), support staff rep		
School Council views put forward by Elaine		

# How do we feel about the current situation?

- Ad-hoc
- Sad
- Disappointing
- Shabby
- Boring
- Junk store
- Under used
- Dull and drab
- Apologetic
- Worried / Concerned
- Embarrassed
- Neglected
- Unloved
- Unimaginative
- Frustrating
- Cross with cable company
- Needs attention
- Untidy
- Messy
- Unimpressive
- A let down
- Uninspiring
- Bleak
- Flat
- Happy about new area



# What do we have?

- Space
- Mature trees
- Nice sized field
- Train / adventure playground
- Some storage
- Potential
- Gazebo (no seating though)
- Flat field
- New landscaped area
- Ideas from pupils
- PTA funding
- Enthusiasm and drive to make this priority succeed
- Ready access
- Foundation Stage area



# What do we have that must be retained?

- Existing playground equipment
- Gazebo
- Landscaping to front of school
- Pond area
- Willow panels at end of field
- Early Years outdoor classroom
- Potential of flower beds
- Mature trees



# What issues should the plan address?

- Trip hazards on netball court
- Ways to match in MS with rest of school front
- Broken playground furniture
- Flower beds old, overgrown, lack of ownership
- Storage – more needed
- Storage – current unsightly eg goal posts and “beach hut” sheds
- Old wildlife area
- Lack of funds
- More shade needed for summertime
- Children want a “triangle tree” back.
- Lower school outside classroom
- Wildlife area
- Information board
- Lack of play space
- Games markings
- PTA Garage door
- Lack of colour
- Maintenance – currently grass areas only
- Tree planting for the future
- Field boggy in places
- Lack of lighting on school field
- L Shaped area in infants untidy
- Objects for children to hide behind when playing
- Water fountains
- More creative play areas
- Seating in gazebo
- Relief needed
- Area for storytime



# Ideas galore .....

- Total wipe out course
- Flood lighting
- Astro turf
- Brightly painted
- Swimming pool fence
- Quality planters
- Irrigation system
- Improved shade
- Stage under trees on playground
- Outdoor furniture
- Lower school outdoor classroom
- Wildlife monitoring station
- Playground markings
- Corporate identity
- Recycling area
- Wider footpath along side of field for playground markings
- Sand pit for younger pupils
- Log seating
- Creek style water feature
- Willow tunnels
- Improved signage
- “Proper” netball court
- Quality waste bins
- Infant large play area
- Picnic facilities
- Flowering hedge along edge of field with gaps for children to run through.



# Ways forward

- Need to achieve a quality recreational and learning environment
- The project needs to achieve a co-ordinated approach which is future-proofed
- Need to meet the needs of the whole school community
- Needs to enhance existing facilities but address identified issues





# Ways forward



## Phase 1

To be completed by end of 2011

- Netball court refurbishment and playground part 3
- Gazebo seating
- Wildlife enhancements to use Lottery Grant including clearance of area to side of swimming pool
- Traversing wall grounds work
- Railway sleeper style flower beds outside Middle and Lower School
- Novelty litter bins

# Ways forward

## Phase 2

To be completed by end of 2012

- Complete playground enhancements -  
Colour coating, sports line markings and recreational line markings
- Outdoor stage
- Storage aspect
- Shade aspect part 1



# Ways forward



## Phase 3

To be completed by end of 2013

- Swimming pool fence
- Shade aspect part 2
- Additional picnic benches
- Any aspects of Phase 1 and 2 not completed as planned
- Additional aspects identified through the ongoing review process.



# Who and how?



The project requires the energies and support of the whole school community. What progress / commitment do we have so far?

- An acknowledgment of grounds development as a necessary school focus
- A project group with wide representation
- First grant secured, PTA support, cake sale funds from pupils, school shared fund raising events, use of school funds (if possible)
- TG – playground enhancement, ES – wildlife enhancements, AK – Gazebo seating, IH – railway sleeper flower planters, JF – seeking additional funds / grants, School Council - New litter bins, traversing wall grounds work – PTA work party



# Each person's role



Easier to achieve success with the input of everyone possible.

Momentum is maintained; expertise is used most effectively; large task is broken down into steps and the long term vision retained.

Looking for offers of help with the project and suggestions of ways to help us succeed.