

# Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre



## Outdoor Learning Programme

Learning through hands-on experience is one of the best ways for children to gain a greater understanding of the natural world. Our unique outdoor educational programmes at the centre allow pupils to explore and discover their role in creating a healthy environment for people and wildlife. Interactive sessions provide pupils with practical opportunities to get involved with science and deepen their understanding of the environment, all while developing their skills and confidence. Our curriculum-linked programme is suitable for Early Years Foundation Stage up to Key Stage 2.



## Early Years Foundation Stage

### Nursery & Reception

*Understanding Our World*

#### **Woodland Adventures with Timmy the Mouse**

Explore the woodland through the story of Timmy the Mouse, developing literacy and numeracy skills in this exciting adventure. Find out what Timmy likes to eat for breakfast by hunting for minibeasts. *To make this a full day of fun choose from woodland art or pond dipping for the afternoon session.*

#### **Pond Life Detectives**

Discover the wonders of the underwater world by dipping a net to find out what creatures lie beneath. Learn about how they move and breathe.

Available from March – October.

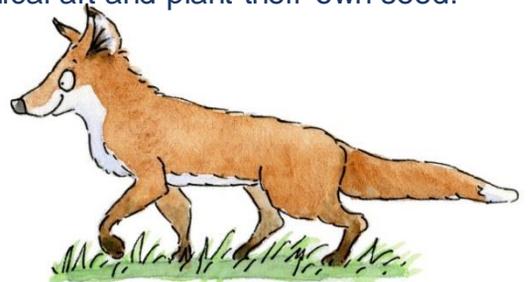
Each of these sessions last two hours.  
Why not combine sessions for a full day?

## Key Stage 1

Our programme covers areas of the science curriculum linked to plants, animals, living things and their habitats. Many activities also have elements of literacy and numeracy.

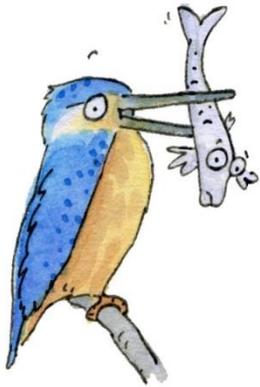
#### **Brilliant Botanists**

Discover a variety of plant habitats, learning about different types of trees and finding out how they grow throughout the seasons. Pupils will also create botanical art and plant their own seed!



#### **Amazing Animals**

Investigate the abundance of wonderful wildlife living around the Welsh Harp. Learn their names, where they live and what they eat. Depending on the season, pupils will delve into the pond to discover aquatic habitats, wander through the woodland and meadow to find terrestrial creatures or create a bug habitat.



## Key Stage 2

Our Key Stage 2 programme is linked to many areas of the science curriculum. It covers grouping and classifying living things, food chains, lifecycles, habitats, adaptations, and rocks and soils. Many activities also have elements of literacy and numeracy to enhance your pupils' learning.

### Year 3 **Geology Explorers**

Junior geologists enjoy a full day of exploring how rocks and fossils were formed. See how soils develop, the important role of minibeasts - and even make a volcano erupt!

### Years 4 – 6 **Classy Creatures**

Put your investigative skills into action to get up close and personal with nature. Identify the common wildlife you find during minibeast hunts and pond dipping. Learn how to classify wildlife based on shared characteristics and differences.

### **Who's For Dinner?**

Get a taste of the woodland menu through a range of fun activities, find out who's top of the food chain and who's for dessert! Producer, consumer, predator or prey, which one would you rather be?

### **The Circle of Life**

Which came first the chicken or the egg? Discover that and more as you learn about the lifecycles of common mammals, amphibians, insects and birds that live in our woodland and pond habitats.

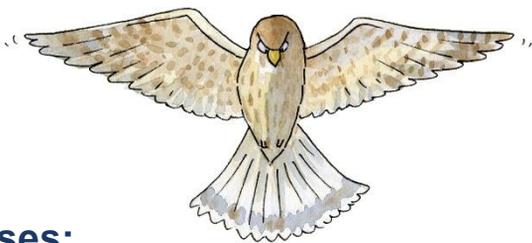
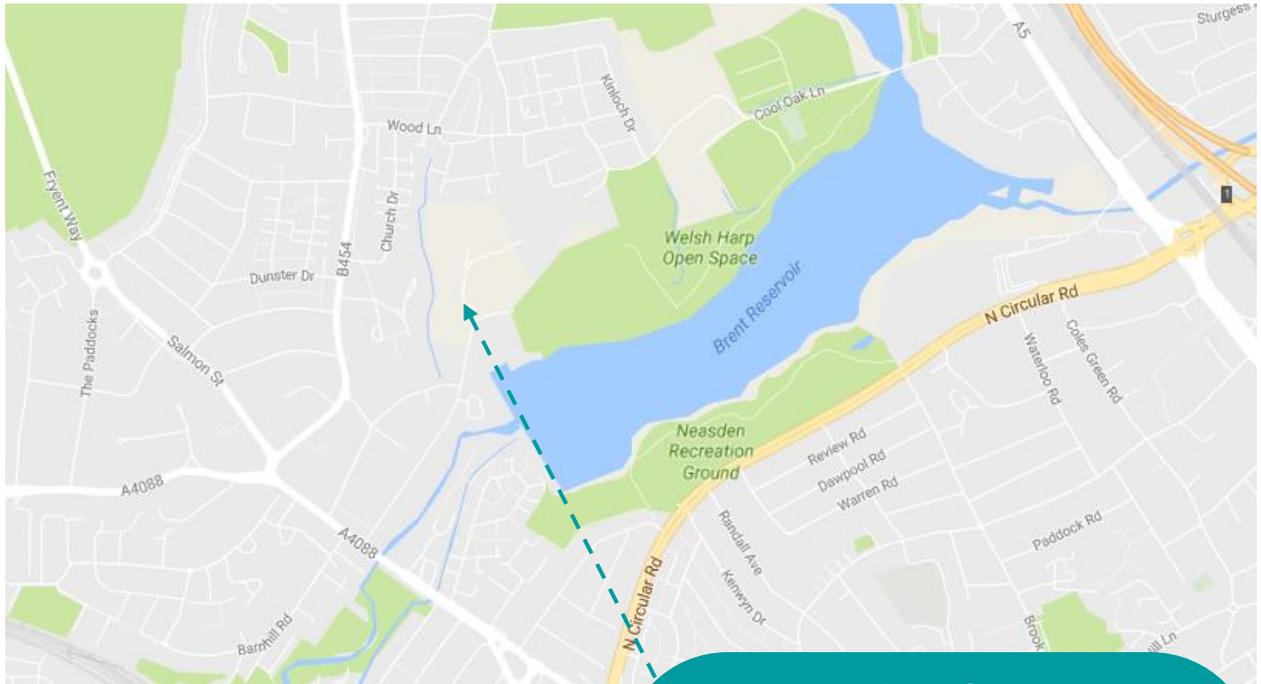
*Did you know there are 5.5 hectares of woodland, 2 ponds, a stream, 2 classrooms and parking at the Centre?*

*I might move in!*



Sessions for Years 4, 5 and 6 last two hours, but you can enjoy a full day of activities by combining two.

# Directions, costs and how to book



## Buses:

83, 182, 245, 297, 302 pass within a ten minute walk of the Centre.

## Driving to the centre:

Birchen Grove is a minor road off Blackbird Hill with traffic lights at the junction. Follow the signs to the garden centre. We share their drive. Drivers should stop in the car park, not on the drive. Please take extreme care when driving in the centre car park.

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## Location

**Welsh Harp Environmental  
Education Centre, Birchen Grove,  
London, NW9 8RY**

## Cost per class

Half day: £100

Full day: £190

Half day sessions can be combined to create a full day experience.

## How to book

Please call **0207 515 3337** or email **[welshharpcentre@thames21.org.uk](mailto:welshharpcentre@thames21.org.uk)** to book your class in for an exciting outdoor education day.