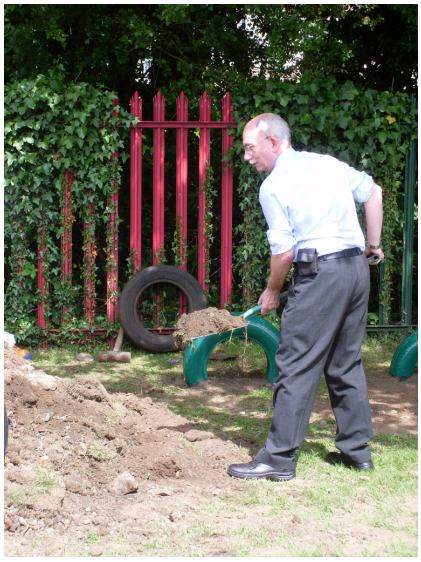
outdoor games now available and exciting new resources that make learning even more fun. The children learn so much when playing outside. Nursery pupil Libby Barbrook-Ball added 'When I'm warm and out in the sun it makes me feel warm. I like playing with bikes and scooters.'

Nursery Teacher Tricia John enthused, "Over the last few years we have worked hard developing our outdoor area. But today they completely transformed our outdoor area into a multi-sensory environment which will be used to enhance the new 'foundation phase' curriculum. I personally cannot wait to use it with my class."

The outdoor improvement day really interested Welsh Assembly Minister, Dr Brian Gibbons who visited the school on June 4th. Dr Gibbons was keen to find out more about The Twyn School Early years Unit as well as the work of GAVO. Creative Play Co-ordinator, Lisa Williams explained "This project helps us celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of volunteering week and has really shown what be achieved through partnership working." Our Head Teacher, Mrs Davies said "I am in awe of the wonderful support and commitment that was shown by the staff and all the volunteers on the day. Children learn naturally in this outdoor environment and it is a resource which will help us strengthen our planning for the Early Years curriculum."



The Twyn School Early Years Unit will continue to improve its environment and also sustain what has been initiated. In fact the whole idea of sustainability is something we are really interested in right now. A local volunteer, Caroline Williams has offered to work with school in running a gardening club; this will involve making older children in the school aware of how a garden can be cared for and fruit, vegetables and flowers grown throughout the year. A kind grandparent to Reception twins has also offered to give of his time to helping maintain our garden. It can sometimes be difficult knowing how or who to ask for help and the teachers at the Unit understand that increasingly time seems to be precious to people. However it seems to be that the relationship between home and school is (just like with those plants and flowers) growing in school. More work is needed as learning opportunities grow at the school, we are now looking for donations of logs of wood for burning and turf to cover our pipes and hill. If you have any ideas or would like to donate, please come and speak to us.

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