Kimbriki Eco House

Last Friday (20th May) The Year 6 Environment Captains (Daniel H and Daniel T), Year 5 Garden Monitors (Amelia and Ella) and some long standing Garden Club representatives from Year 4 (Macy, Izzy and Annie) attended a workshop at the Kimbriki Eco House. The workshop was hosted by ecologist Peter Rutherford who loves all things green and is a real steward of the earth.

Peter showed us around his beautiful garden which he first planted at Kimbriki 17 years ago. Peter’s garden had much variety and consisted of tropical plants, herbs, veggies, edible flowers, fruit trees and so much more! We were particularly impressed with his native raspberry tree and red juicy cherry tomatoes!

We began our workshop learning all about microbes and the principles of good quality soil. Peter showed us how to be organic gardeners and taught us the right way to compost. We each had a turn of mixing the compost and walked away with some useful tips that we wish to implement in our own school garden compost. We picked up lots of useful tips that will help us with our gardening; such as how to handle plants correctly and how to care for and maintain garden beds.

Our main focus of the day was to create a ‘no-dig garden’. With the help of Peter and his right-hand man Adam we made a no-dig garden from scratch learning the method and instructions. We are excited to plan our own no-dig garden consisting of Lettuce, Marigold and Mixed Viola flowers at St Rose later this year.

We finished our workshop with an imagination exercise where we were asked to close our eyes and imagine what the world would be like if there were edible gardens, green walls, veggie gardens and flowers beds all over the cities, where everyone shared their produce and we all lived peacefully. Whilst we closed our eyes and imagined this Peter played his special ‘hang drum’ from
Switzerland. This was a lovely end to our morning of gardening and we left Kimbriki with a feeling of excitement about the possibilities of change that we could bring about at St Rose through gardening.