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# OUTDOOR LEARNING ENTITLEMENT

Nature is the vaccine for the mind



# THE OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTRE

*To give every child and young person on the Isle of Man an outdoor learning experience and to foster the understanding of the positive impact nature can have on their learning and health & wellbeing.*



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# WHY OUTDOOR LEARNING MATTERS

- Nature builds teamwork
- Fosters grit & resilience
- Boosts confidence



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# DIGITAL BALANCE



**"Live for hikes and bikes, not likes and swipes" Ben Fogle**



**Too much time indoors**



**Nature feeds the mind & body**



**Nature provides balance**

# ESSENTIAL CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

- Play, explore, problem-solve
- Get bored, face conflict, take risks
- Learn consequences & risk management





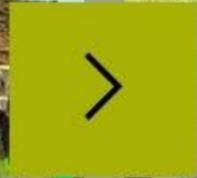
# HEALTH CONNECTION

- Two biggest health protectors:

1. Clean water
2. Vaccination programmes

☞ For mental health: Nature is the vaccine

# THE VACCINE OF NATURE



Outdoors reduces stress & boosts wellbeing



Children thrive when learning outside



# HOW DO WE MAKE THIS HAPPEN?

- One organisation cannot do it alone
- Needs partnerships & collaboration
- OLC + MWT is just the start
- Goal: Every child, every year group





# PARTNERSHIP

- The Outdoor Learning Centre + Manx Wildlife Trust
- Paving the way for outdoor learning entitlement
- All Year 5 pupils already engaged
- Programme: Laa Feie Manninagh – Manx Wild Day



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# LAA FEIE MANNINAGH 'MANX WILD DAY'



- Explore wild spaces
- Learn survival skills: fire, food, shelter
- Immerse in nature → deeper understanding of the world



# CLOSING MESSAGE

- Outdoor Learning = Entitlement
- Builds resilience
- Fosters teamwork
- Balances technology
- Prepares children for life

“If clean water and vaccines protect the body...  
outdoor learning protects the mind.”



# QUESTIONS