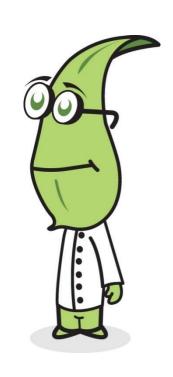
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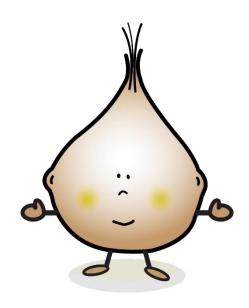
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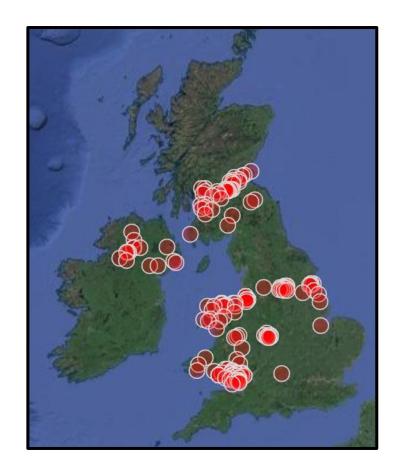


The investigation...

Since October 2005, school scientists across Wales have been keeping weather records and noting when their flowers open, as part of a long-term study looking at the effects of temperature on spring bulbs.







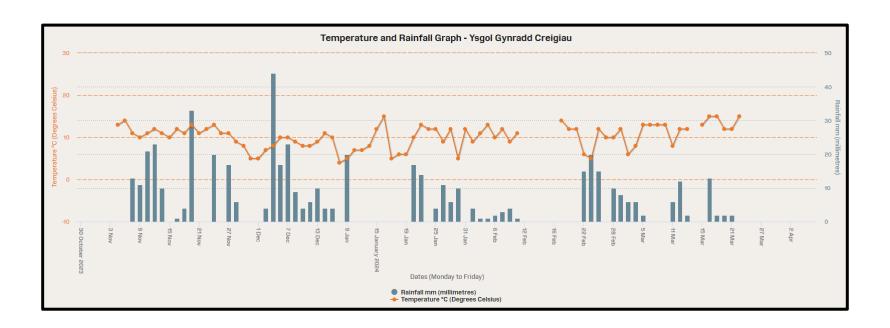
Edina Trust

We continue to work in partnership with The Edina Trust who provide funding and support for the project and have extended its reach to include schools in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland!

7,595 pupils took part this year!

Participating schools planted daffodil and crocus bulbs in October and took weather readings from November to March. They entered their weekly weather records and the flowering dates and heights of their plants to the Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales website.

The table below shows the rainfall and temperature recorded by Creigiau Primary School from November 2023 to March 2024.



The long-term study...

Our climate and seasons are changing. Over the next 10-20 years (and hopefully longer) we want school scientists to show how climate change is affecting flowering dates for spring bulbs.

In the short term there is plenty for schools to study. This project is aimed at years 3 to 6 and draws on numeracy, literacy and digital skills. The project compliments elements of the national curriculum for Science, Geography, Maths, Art and ICT. It also supports the four purposes of the Curriculum for Wales by inspiring pupils to be confident, creative, ambitious and ethically informed.

Educational resources are available on the project website:

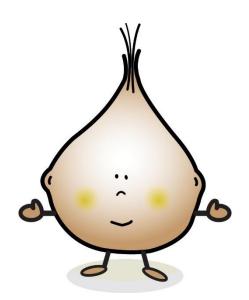
Spring bulbs for schools (museum.wales)

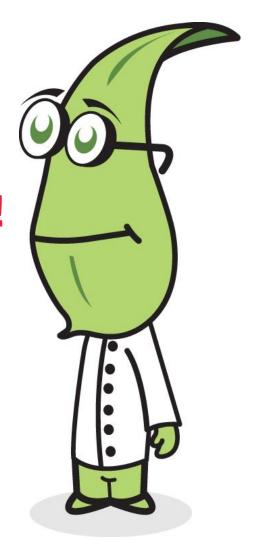


Huge thanks

Professor Plant and Baby Bulb would like to thank all the school scientists that kept and shared their records with us this year.

You are all Super Scientists!





Contributors

Cymru / Wales:

Alaw Primary
Bryn Celyn Primary
Ffynnon Taf Primary
Glyncoed Primary
Hafod y Wern Community
Johnston C.P. School

Yr Alban / Scotland:

Fordbank Primary
Meldrum Primary
St Conval's Primary
St Cuthbert's Primary
St John Ogilvie Primary
St Patrick's Primary - Troon
St Vincent's Primary

Lloegr / England:

Childwall C of E Primary School
Cronton CE Primary School
Grange Primary School
Marton Primary Academy and Nursery
Roby Park Primary School
Shireland Technology Primary School
St Kentigern's Primary School
St Paul's C of E Academy
Summerhill Primary Academy

Gogledd Iwerddon/ Northern Ireland:

St Paul's Primary School Willowbridge Special School

To be awarded certificates and pencils.

Super Scientists

Cymru / Wales:

Albert Primary Blaendulais Primary Creigiau Primary **Eveswell Primary** Hay on Wye CP School Mount Street Junior School Neyland Community School NPTC Newtown College Pembroke Dock School St. Mary's CiW School St. Michael's RC Primary Trelai Primary Waldo Williams Primary YGG Bronllwyn Ysgol Deiniol Ysgol Glan Morfa

Lloegr / England:

Halsnead Primary
Hamstead Junior School
Northwood Primary
Old Park Primary
Phoenix Primary
Prescot Primary
Rowley Hall Primary
Temple Meadow Primary
Waterloo Primary

Gogledd Iwerddon/ Northern Ireland: Grange Primary St Mary's Primary St Mary's Primary

Yr Alban / Scotland:

Alloway Primary
Bishopton Primary
Elmvale Primary
Leslie Primary
Livingston Village Primary
Lochwinnoch Primary
Logan Primary
Our Lady and St Francis
Our Lady of Peace
Underbank Primary
Windyknowe Primary

To be awarded certificates, pencils and seeds.

Highly Commended

Cymru / Wales:

Bedlinog Community Primary Churchstoke CP School Forden CiW Primary Hafod Primary Henllys CiW Primary Llanfaes CP School Peterston Super Ely CiW Pil Primary Raglan VC CiW Primary Rhayader Primary **Upper Rhymney Primary** Ysgol Bryn Pennant Ysgol Casmael (Sir Benfro) Ysgol Gymraeg Aberystwyth Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant Ysgol Gynradd Llandegfan Ysgol Tir Morfa

Lloegr / England:

St Anne's Catholic Primary
Stanford in the Vale Primary
Anchorsholme Academy
Fleet Wood Lane Primary
Sylvester Primary Academy
St Kentigern's Primary

Gogledd Iwerddon/ Northern Ireland:

Carrick Primary
Clonalig Primary
St John's Primary
St Mary's Primary
St Peter Primary
St Teresa's Primary
Tandragee Primary

Yr Alban / Scotland:

Abbey Primary Blacklands Primary Clare Primary **Cortamlet Primary Cuthbertson Primary** Doonfoot Primary Kirkhill Primary Kirkmichael Primary Langbank Primary Milton Primary **Newmains Primary** Newton Primary St Peter's Primary Whatriggs Primary

To be awarded certificates, pencils and seeds.

Special Recognition

Cymru / Wales:

Ysgol Gymraeg Tonyrefail Ysgol Pennant Ysgol San Sior Ysgol Tycroes

Lloegr / England:

Fleet Wood Lane Primary Stanford in the Vale

<u>Gogledd Iwerddon / Northern Ireland:</u>

Irvinestown Primary School St Joseph and St James's Primary St Patrick's Primary School – Eskra

To be awarded certificates, pencils and seeds.

Runners up

Cymru / Wales: Cornist Park C.P

Gogledd Iwerddon / Northern Ireland: Sacred Heart Primary School

Lloegr / England:
Roseacre Primary Academy

Yr Alban / Scotland:
Our Lady's RC Primary

To receive certificates, pencils, seeds and a class prize.

Winners

Cymru / Wales: St. Mary's CiW Primary

Gogledd Iwerddon / Northern Ireland: Portadown Integrated Primary

Lloegr / England:
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary

Yr Alban / Scotland: **Gavinburn Primary School**

To receive certificates, pencils, seeds and a prize for the class.



UK & Wales Data



- Schools in Wales have been collecting data since 2005.
- Schools in England and Scotland have been collecting data since 2011.
- Schools in Northern Ireland have been collecting data since 2017.
- We have produced two summary reports. The first looks at data collected from across the UK 2011-2024 and compares readings from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. The second looks at data collected from Wales 2005-2024.

Download the results yourself to...

- Make graphs and frequency charts to calculate the mean.
- See if flowers opened later in schools that recorded colder weather.

- See how temperature, sunshine and rainfall affect average flowering dates.
- Look for trends between different locations.

Visit:

Spring bulbs for schools (museum.wales)





Digital Resources

Visit the <u>Spring Bulbs for Schools website</u> and <u>The Edina</u> <u>Trust website</u> for an array of teaching resources relating to the project.

Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales have digital resources that relate to collections across their seven Museums. Schools in Wales can also access resources on the Hwb website.

The above pages all have links to our Kahoot quizzes!



