

Besson Street Community Gardens

Visit 4

At Besson Street Community Gardens this week we learned more about birds, specifically about different types of owls. Did you know that there are over 200 species of owls?

What is this owl called? The clue is in the shape of its head.



We learned that owls can turn their necks 270°.

Can you turn your neck that far around?

Why are owls able to turn their neck so far around?

What are animals that sleep during the day and hunt at night called?

We looked at how most owls are camouflaged with their environment. The snowy owl and the tawny frogmouth owls blend very well into their surroundings. **Can you spot them?**



What is a group of owls called?
(A parliament)

What do owls use their fantastic hearing for?
How do they find and catch their prey?



We got to make our own feathery friends using pillow feathers and some googly eyes. It was very messy but fun!

We learned that owls are far sighted and use their good eyesight to find their prey.



Did you know that some owls hoot and some owls screech?

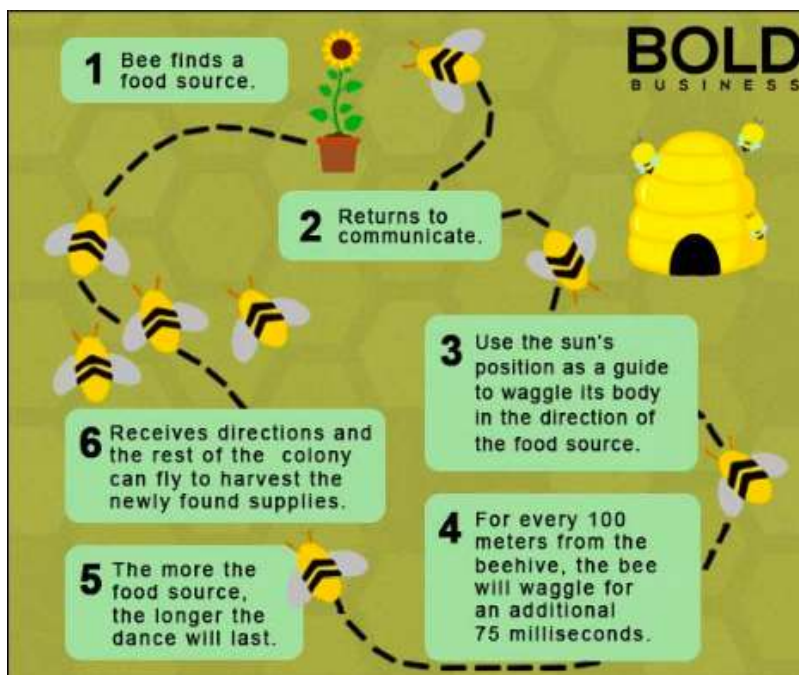
We got to perform a bee dance to learn the different ways that bees communicate with each other.

There are three different dance moves that a bee has:

1. The joy dance (move their whole body about) when they are happy.



2. The waggle (move about in the figure 8) when they are trying to communicate which direction they must fly to reach a food source.



3. The swarm dance (pointing wings in the air) when the bees are ready and wanting to move to a new location.

Why do bees swarm?

What does it look like?

How do they find their new Queen?

After we had practiced our bee dances we got to become bees and make bee masks. Have a look at what we created this week.





We also got to see some real bird's nests that were found in the trees at Besson Street Gardens. We looked at how they were different to each other and got to feel how light they were.

What were the nests made out of?



What types of birds made these nests?

What did they feel like?



The palaeontologists in us were intrigued and observe a skeleton of a baby bird that was found in one of the nests.





Have a look at the rest of the fun things we did.

We loved exploring the garden and seeing signs of Autumn all around.





