

Parkgate Primary School..

Garden – Eco News.....

Summer Term 2019.....



In this edition we have an update on what has been growing around the classes and in the areas where the gardening club have been working and some news on the exciting plans for the late part of the summer and into September. Read on.....

Rocket potatoes making lots of growth.....



Potatoes.....

Growing well...

Broad beans in flower.....



Peas look good.....



The peas that were sown by the gardening club children have produced a crop of peas.....

Here you can see the pea pods are swelling up fast to give us some super sweet peas.....

Flower seeds sown at the school frontage.....

The gardening club children have been busy sowing flower seeds at the school frontage which when they flower will add some more colour to the school entrance, plus the seeds that have been sown will all self-seed so there will be flowers year after year. These flowers are poppies, Californian poppies and cornflowers..... Below you can see these plants are growing well.....



Lavender looking good!

Grass growing well



Rocket potatoes being dug up.....

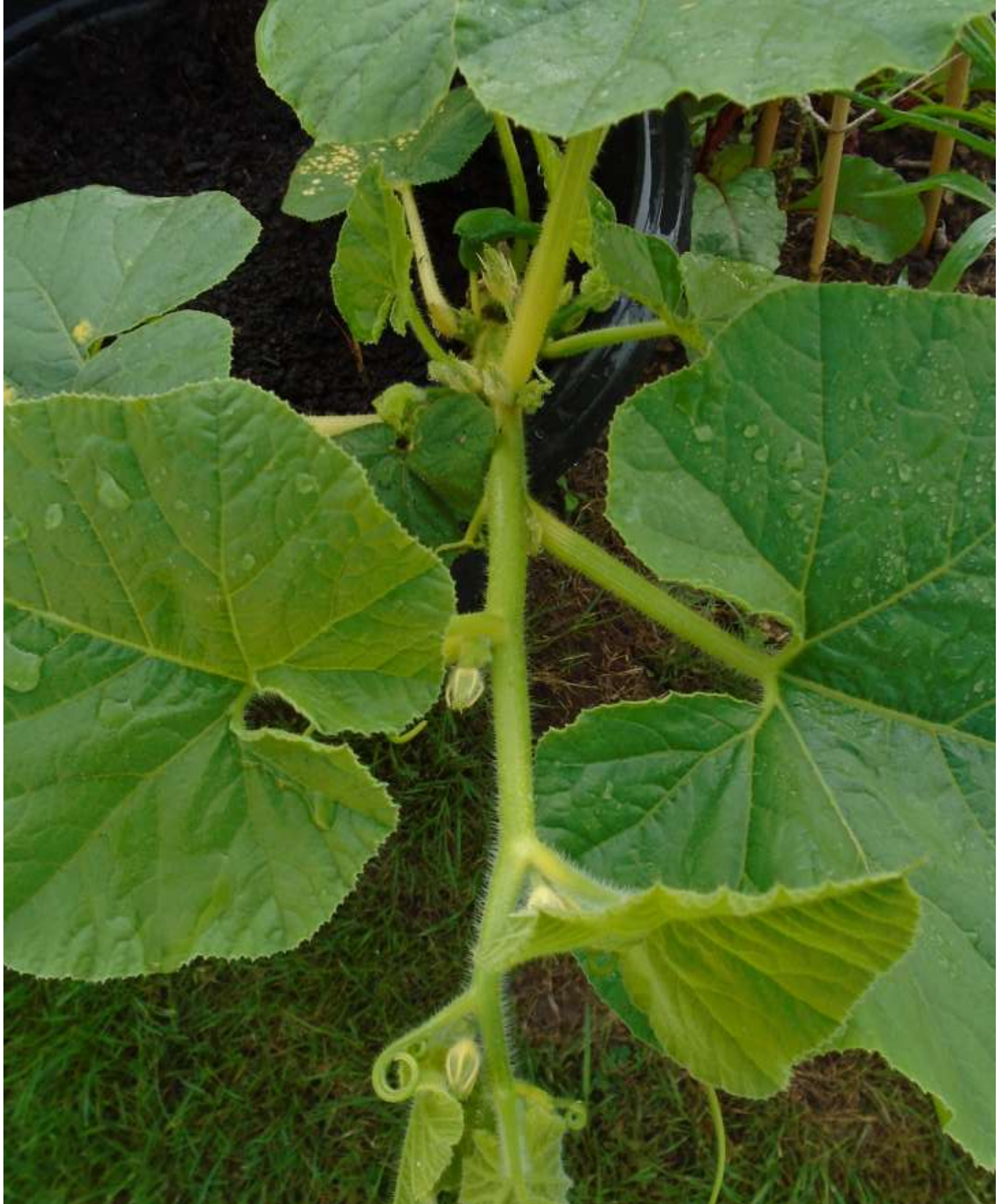


Rocket seed potatoes that have all been dug up and shared out with all of the gardening club children.....

Freshly dug potatoes.....

Pumpkins finally starting to make some growth.....

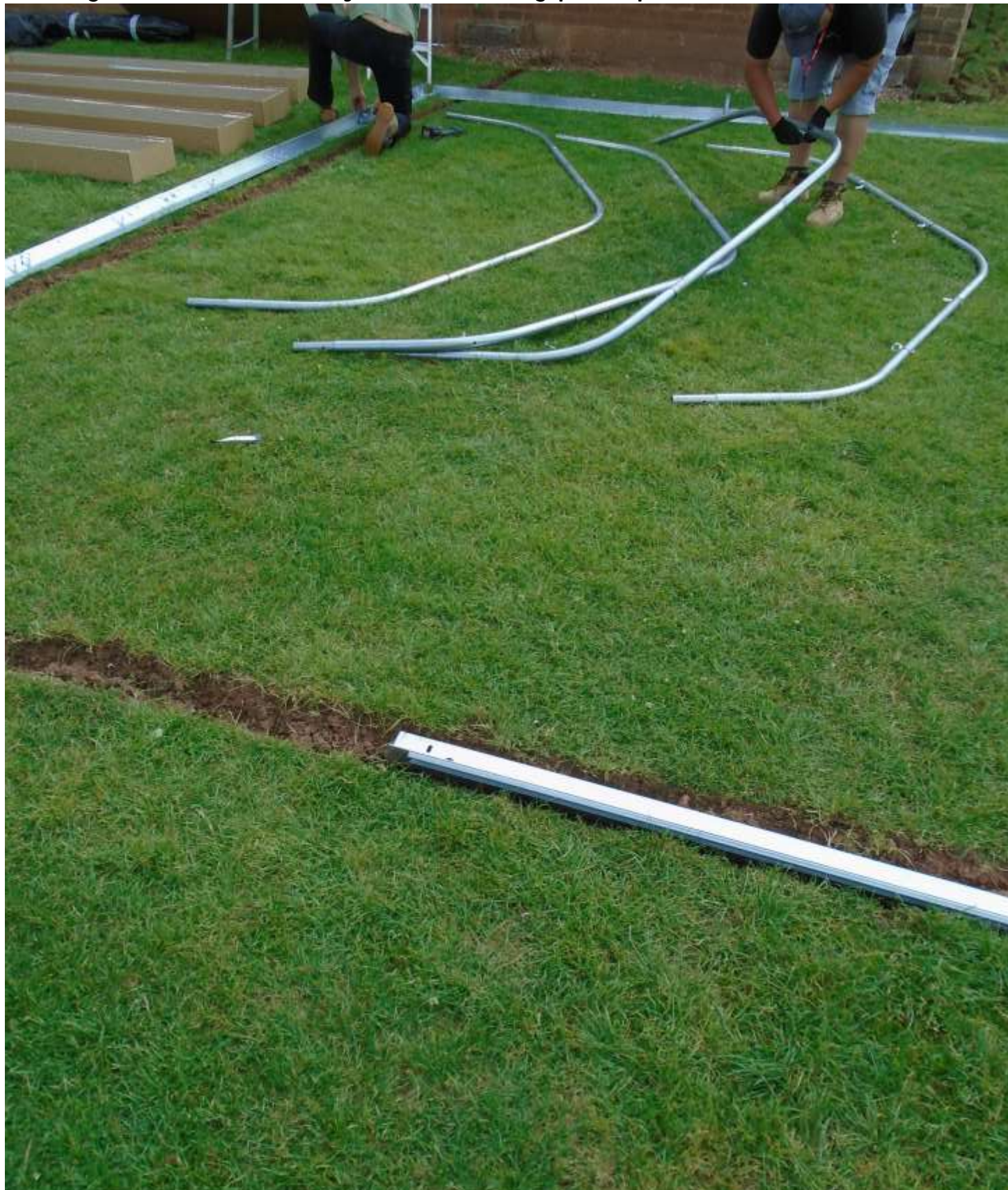
With the unpredictable weather that we have experienced over the last month or so, our pumpkin plants have been slow to make any significant growth but they have started to make some strong growth – lots of water and sunshine is the secret to pumpkin growing – there is still time to get a big pumpkin growing.....
Below you can see our pumpkin plants.....



Big school developments ahead.....

Significant investment has been approved by the school governors to fund some really exciting projects across the school including funding for a school poly tunnel and the funding to develop a new school garden area. This exciting new garden development is now underway with the poly tunnel installation documented over the next few pages – follow this exciting school development.....

Below you can see the steel framework being put in place.....



Haygrove Poly Tunnel installation taking shape.....



Poly tunnel cover going on.....



Potting benches installed inside the poly tunnel.....

The poly tunnel has three potting benches all installed – a great teaching resource.....



The poly tunnel installation is completed.....



The basic poly tunnel installation is completed – three potting benches are set up, on both of the sides is guttering to capture rainwater – we need to set up our water butts next. Also, you can see the start of the raised bed set up and the pathways that will be covered in bark chippings making a safe all-weather surface.



**Raised Bed
set up has
started.....**

More raised beds.....



Garden Work List.....

Set up Poly Tunnel Raised Beds.....

Set up Water Butts – Water Conservation.....

Set up Garden Raised Beds.....

Fill with Growing Compost.....

Start Sowing and Planting.....

Start Growing Food.....

Build a Sensory Garden.....

Start Composting.....

Autumn Spring Bulb Planting – 600 more bulbs to plant.....

[Free bulbs from Bulbs 4 Kids]

Autumn Tree Planting – 420 more trees to plant.....

[Free trees from the Woodland Trust]

Parkgate helping out the *Bio-Diversity* of not only the school but the whole of the local community.....

