

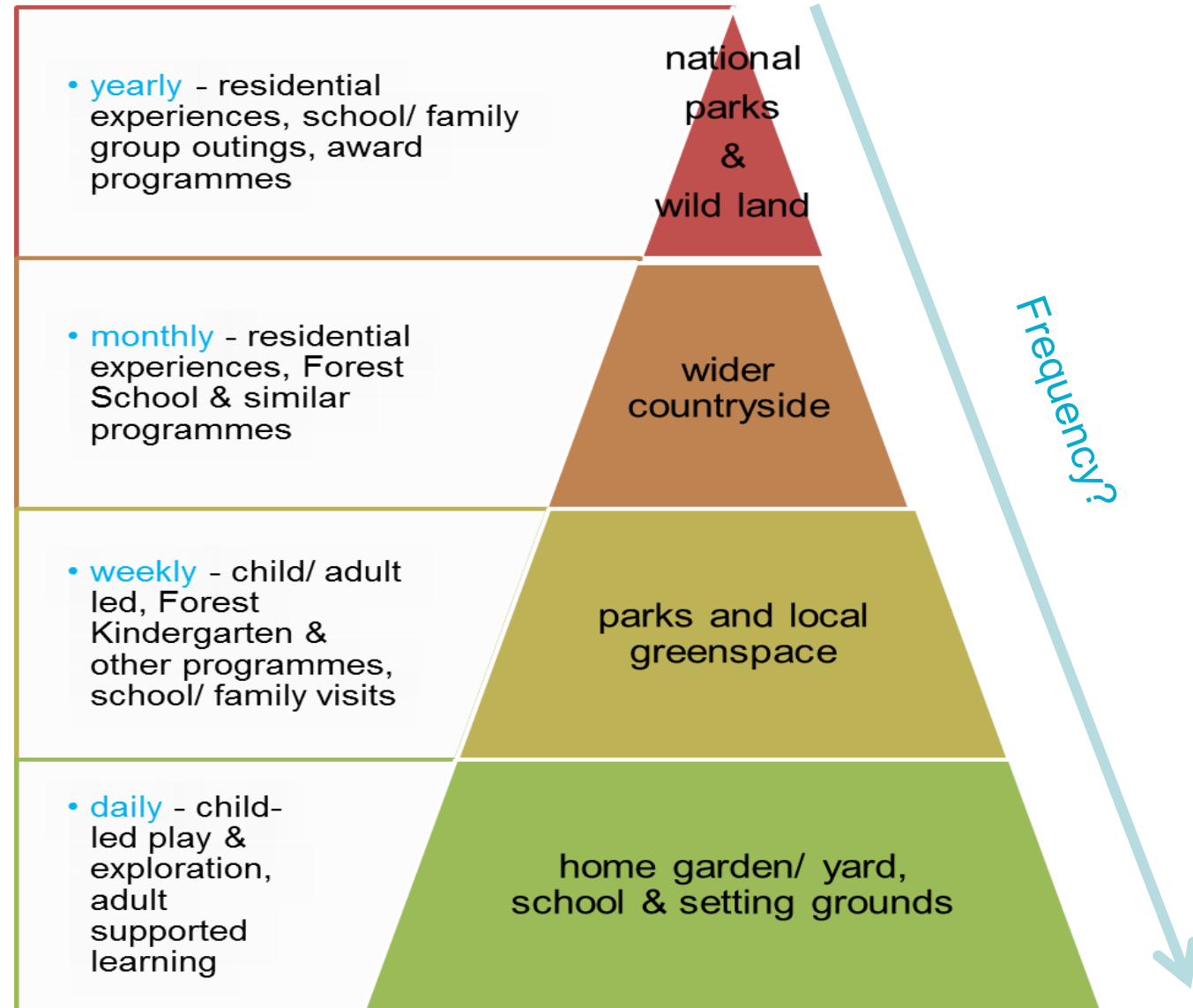
Learning for Sustainability: Outdoor place-based learning

The GTCS Standards require teachers to:

- ✓ “Use outdoor learning opportunities, including direct experiences of nature and other learning within and **beyond the school boundary**.
- ✓ Connect learners to their dependence on the natural world and **develop their sense of belonging to both the local and global community.**”



Learning outdoors in different places – a progression



Learning in local greenspace project

115 schools across 12 local authorities, engaging 4000 + pupils.

- Sustainable
- Community links
- Award programmes
- Real world learning & sense of place



+ **Outdoor Learning in Nature programme**
regular, frequent, structured and progressive
outdoor learning experiences. 22 projects over two
rounds.

More regular frequent
outdoor learning (& play)

Raised
attainment

Increased teacher confidence in OL

"I can't believe we have existed so closely to this place and never made use of it... I felt that the curricular areas were endless." *P1 teacher, North Lanarkshire*

Connection to environment

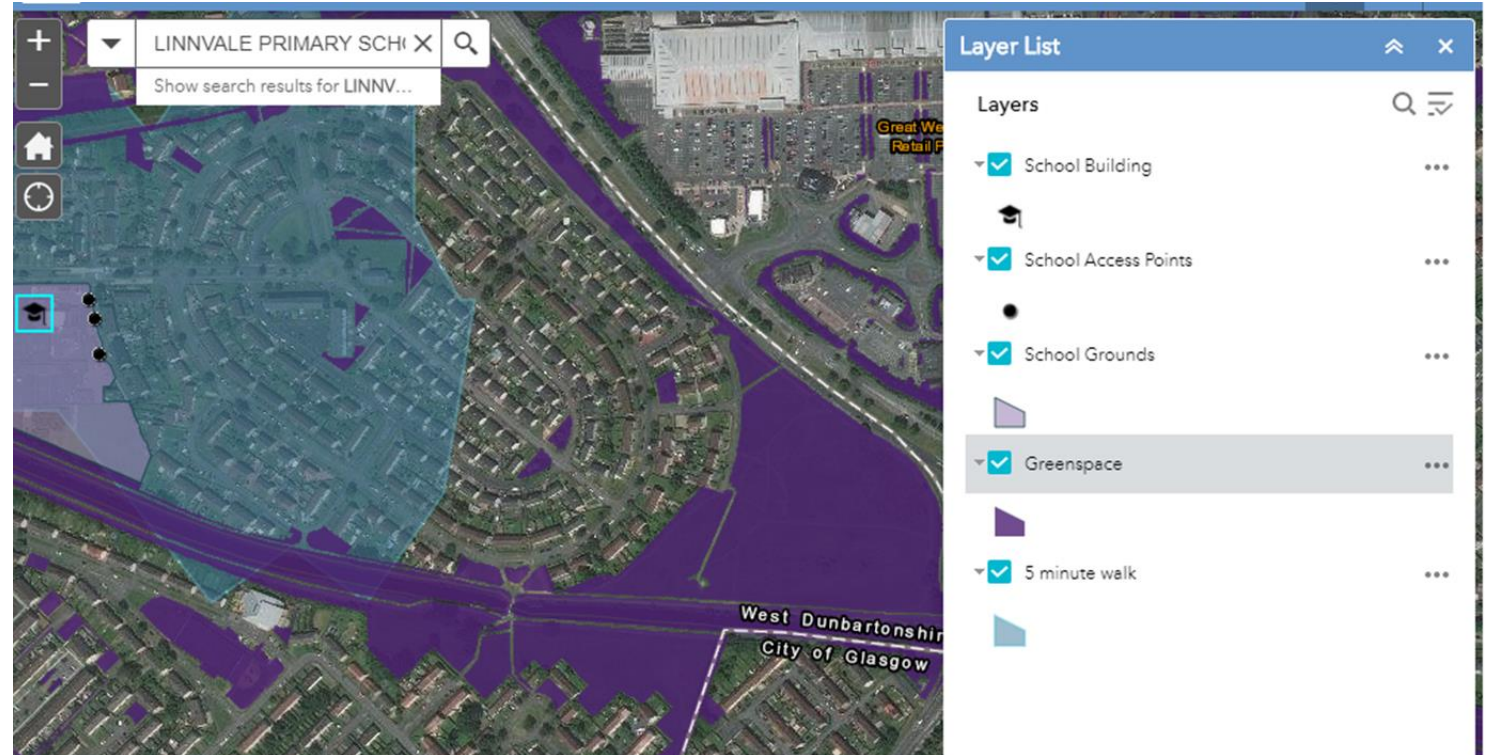
Improved
greenspace &
better local
networks

"I didn't know how close I live to nature" *S5 pupil,
Clydebank High*

Share good practice and resources

Embedding nature in education – 3 targets for transformative change

- **Climate**
- **Nature**
- **Green recovery**



<https://www.nature.scot/professional-advice/education/greenspace-map-outdoor-learning>

Learning outdoors in Fernbrae Meadows

A new urban park developed by South Lanarkshire Council from a derelict golf course in a disadvantaged area, led by NatureScot through the green infrastructure intervention fund.



What elements of learning for sustainability can you identify in the video?

Next steps.....

- **Education Scotland Outdoor Learning and Learning for Sustainability wakelet**
<https://wakelet.com/wake/dx8-511rFvLFU03clV9eh>
- **LfS evaluation framework (summary)**
<https://education.gov.scot/media/5lhh3g25/frwk11-lfs-summary-framework.pdf>
- **Outdoor Learning Directory** <https://outdoorlearningdirectory.com/>
- **Learning in Local Greenspace** <https://www.nature.scot/professional-advice/education/learning-local-greenspace>
- **Beyond Your Boundary** www.beyondyourboundary.scot
- **Fernbrae Meadows Green infrastructure project case study**
<https://www.nature.scot/green-infrastructure-project-update-perfect-fit>
- **University of Derby Five Pathways to Nature Connection**
<https://blog.derby.ac.uk/2018/12/pathways-closer-connection-nature/>