



'The RiverBank'

*at Newington
Gardens*

Bespoke design
concept for
London Borough
of Southwark

New Playground

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Bubble mound & tube slide

Giant fish

Butterfly evolution

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welcome

to the new playground at Newington Gardens where we are **pushing the boundaries of imagination, creating wow & surprise, all with local context!** Themed on the riverbank of the River Thames, we have created a hub of biodiversity in play. A new inspirational playground concept, for children to discover and learn about the vast variety of nature in the water and beyond and be inspired how to protect it for future generations. Our aim is to create an exciting and adventurous play space for all abilities to play together, whilst educating families about nature and creating memorable experiences. Let's play!

wildlife

Toddler butterfly
multiplay, fluttering
over the riverbank

The beautiful Butterfly

High level play



The 'hairy snail' springer



The frog tunnel and fly tongue!



Local theming



The xylophone & role play megaphone



KOMPAN communication board



Ground level play



The sunflower springer



The immersive reedbeds

Products

the riverbank

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Inclusive and educational

The multiplay features a caterpillar to the back, representing *the evolution of the butterfly* and educating children whilst they play! The caterpillar features fun tactile membrane feet that toddlers can flap! There are lots of smaller tactile bugs around the unit and lots of inside out play for children in wheelchairs or strollers to play with others, such as the roller ball drawing wall, noughts and crosses or bug maze.





'Watch out for the frog's sticky tongue'

Imagination is endless on the riverbank!
Snails, flowers and frogs catching flies!



the biodiversity of the river bank

Jump on the
Thames Cruiser
ready for the wildlife tour











Wander or **swim** through the reeds like a fish

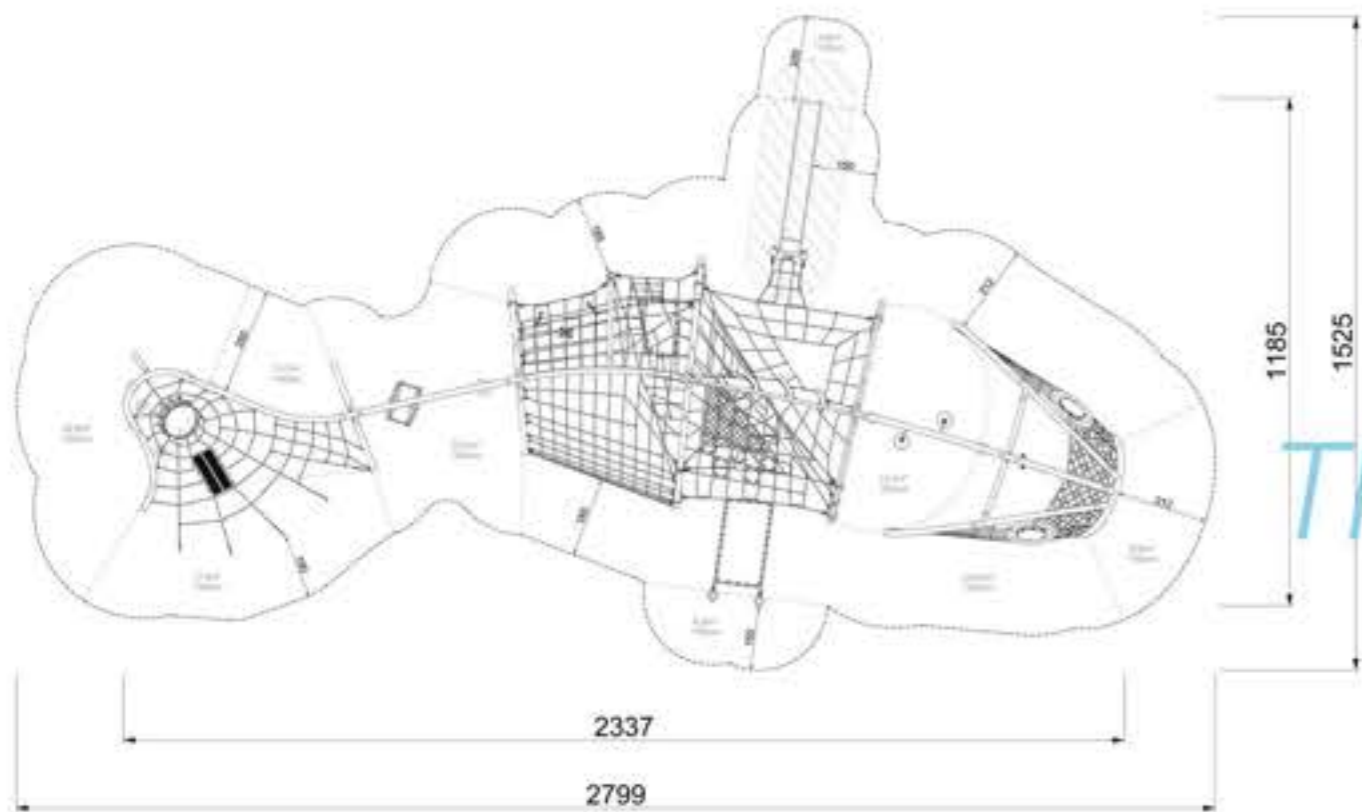
Sensory roller feature

Challenging play fish tail



IMAGINATIVE PLAY

*Why a BIG Fish?
Children thrive on imaginary play. The fish play sculpture allows non prescriptive play and pushes boundaries of reality and surrealism.
Local children have the opportunity to learn about life below the surface! The River Thames is only 0.8 miles away from Newington Gardens, perfect for children to explore afterwards.*



We wanted to create something completely unique for the children at Newington Gardens. The River Thames theme developed with the seabass at the heart of the design. A totally inclusive structure with a wide boned body, allowing children of all abilities to join in across the unit at ground level. The transparent structure allows children to play together at all heights. At ground level weaving in and out of the fish you will find tactile roller balls, tactile fish scales, dichroic spinning eyes, reflective spinning panels, hangout pod, large membranes for laying or climbing, hammock seats, large hanging balls and much more!

The River Thames Seabass

Packed with sensory features

Challenging play



12m wide (actual structure)

23m long (actual structure)

Feature spotlight: The fishes beautiful top fins and large eyes reflect sensory colours onto the surfacing.



the fish



Hangout pod



Drawing wall



Reflective discs



Rollers



WOW. Magical play. Our dichroic colour shadow panels are featured on the fish's top fin and eyes, creating a sense of wonder.

The green rubber climbing wall scales feel funny and stimulate the sense of touch

Feel the fish's scales!



the fish

Sensory Play



COLOUR

Earth
blend

50:50
eggplant /
bark

green
mix

blue
mix

We felt design and colour was really important to this park, to create something fun for children, whilst being stylish and modern for passers by. Using a blend of colours, we have created a design that pops out of the floor, creating an immersive experience

UNIQUE FLOW:
The organic shaped surfacing encapsulates the fish who's curves lead you through the site. We wanted to ensure the site feels as natural as possible, whilst being modern, surprising and FUN!



Large nest seat
120cm, with non slip
rubber edge and hand
grips



Inclusive
seat

Flat seat

Cradle
seat

You & me, parent
toddler seat


Let's talk Swings

We have included a variety of swings, for all ages and abilities. The 5x swings can be used with 12x users at once! The colour scheme and curved corners have been designed to compliment the project concept.

Robust steel
frames and
anti-twist chains

the products

Feature spotlight:
The large nest seat can fit
7x users, perfect for group
and inclusive play!



Ride the waves
of the river bed
through the
reeds

the products

Designed for Inclusivity



Large net twister with platform for sitting or laying and nets that can be climbed inside and out. The roomy platform and the wide net openings are based on user input from children of all abilities. Spot the platform hand grips.

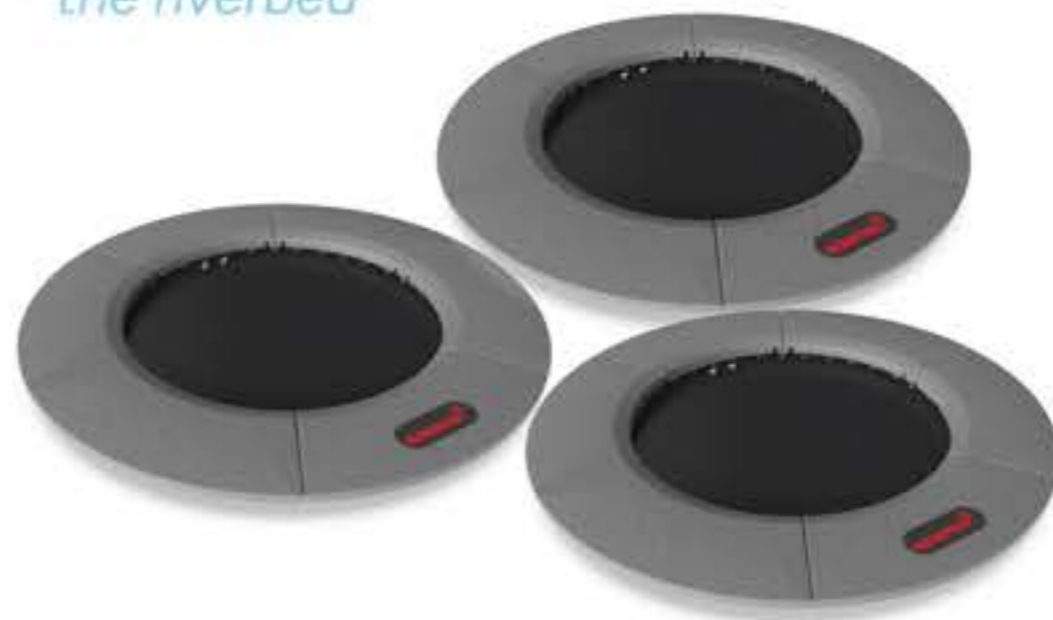


Wheelchair carousel with seat and handrail

Minibeast seesaw with large central platform for laying or sitting and additional backrest



3x 1m jumpers. 'jumping around the riverbed'



Large hammock



Feature spotlight:
The 3x circular trampolines are a super fun activity! Jump alone from bed to bed or with friends!



Large circular
seated planters

Wheelchair
accessible picnic
areas

Sensory area encapsulates
playground with a natural
ornamental grass border &
large educational lectern

Minibeast hotel,
rubbing posts &
boulders

Stylish seating
border

relax
in the sensory pathway garden





Planting with purpose

'Beautiful, native planting'

At Newington Gardens we wanted to create a beautiful space for the community to walk through, relax and experience have a purpose. The planting we have proposed is native and therefore great for bugs and bees. It will smell delicious and be bright and colourful. In winter the Cornus' branches will beam with colour!

- Plants we are including:
- Cornus (Dogwood) , Midwinter fire, Alba or Flaviremea
 - Lavandula Angustifolia & Santolina, (Lavenders)
 - Sage
 - Salvia Rosmarinus (Rosemary)
 - Silver Birch
 - Verbena Bonariensis
 - Ornamental Grass'

Beautiful Landscaping

'a space for the whole community'



Stylish modular seating created into a wave

Cone Planters

- Located near the wave seating, a small silver birch will create a cosy reading spot. We have also included a second cone planter within the playground to bring nature into play.



Circular seated planters

- 2qty - Large 3m wide circular steel coated planters.
 - Including 4x wooden seats per planter
 - Cornus centrepiece. Cornus otherwise known as dogwood, has fresh green leaf during summer months and bright and colourful stems during winter months. We will use a mix of colours to create a beautiful community space over the winter months.

the pathway



Aluminium
flexible edge

Beautiful Landscaping

'a space for the whole community'

Minibeast HQ

Glacial boulders



2x natural feeling robinia playground entrance signs

Bespoke options of
- Newington Gardens
- Wild Park
- The Riverbank

2x Steel wheelchair accessible picnic tables



2x Steel benches with backrest and armrests



2x double bins, to promote recycling and the playground identity

3x bespoke aluminium rubbing posts with fish, butterfly and snail



These items compliment the overall schemes theme and purpose

Additional




To accompany the new playground we have created information signs to help children & adults learn about their local environment, reinforcing the playgrounds identity. This also encourages children to use their imagination within the play space... 'Can you spot the hairy snail in the playground?'

Let's LOVE OUR PLANET
& look after our rivers
#reduceplasticpollution


SHARKS

WOW sharks in the Thames!
Starry smoothhound and tope have vanished there for a long time. However a third of sharks are at risk of extinction!



SHORT SNOUTED SEAHORSE

The River Thames is home to an abundance of wildlife including seals, eels and seahorses!



Did you know?

The River Thames is home to a whopping **125** species of fish!

The importance of Natural Solutions

Available natural resources, such as willow, support the river's health and provide habitat for wildlife. They also help to filter pollutants and improve water quality. The Thames is home to a wide range of wildlife, including seals, eels and seahorses. These species are important for the river's health and provide habitat for other wildlife. The Thames is also a source of food for many species of birds and insects. The river's health is important for the environment and for the people who live along its banks. We can help to protect the river's health by using natural solutions. This means using plants and trees to filter pollutants and improve water quality. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural materials for our buildings and infrastructure. This means using wood and stone instead of concrete and plastic. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural energy sources, such as wind and solar. This means using renewable energy instead of fossil fuels. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural materials for our clothing and shoes. This means using cotton and wool instead of synthetic materials. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural materials for our furniture and toys. This means using wood and bamboo instead of plastic and metal. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural materials for our packaging. This means using paper and cardboard instead of plastic and metal. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural materials for our transportation. This means using bicycles and public transport instead of cars and planes. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural materials for our buildings and infrastructure. This means using wood and stone instead of concrete and plastic. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural energy sources, such as wind and solar. This means using renewable energy instead of fossil fuels. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural materials for our clothing and shoes. This means using cotton and wool instead of synthetic materials. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural materials for our furniture and toys. This means using wood and bamboo instead of plastic and metal. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural materials for our packaging. This means using paper and cardboard instead of plastic and metal. We can also help to protect the river's health by using natural materials for our transportation. This means using bicycles and public transport instead of cars and planes.

FUN FACT

Seals and porpoises are regular visitors in the Thames all the way up to Teddington lock in south-west London and are present in the estuary year around.


Reedbeds are an area of water or marshland that is dominated by reeds. They are a part of a healthy river system, providing ecological habitat for fish, invertebrates and birds to live in.

Brown hairstreak butterflies are making a return!


Biodiversity of The River Thames

Have you ever heard of a hairy snail?


The rare species is one of the UK's most endangered molluscs. It's known as the Cerithium hairy snail because of tiny hairs that cover its shell. It can only be found in some fragmented areas of its historic range, riverbank habitats along the Thames, a river that flows through south-west England into London.



FURDREAN EEL




SEALS



The nutrient rich brown waters provide lots of food for these species to grow and develop! The Thames is 1 of only 5 places in the UK that is a nursery ground for Dover Sole!

Facts from ZSL



*Facts and some word content from ZSL

A1 size lectern, located in seating sensory area, looking into play zone.

Information boards

Protect the local Thames wildlife

The River Thames is home to a whopping 125 species of fish and over 900 invertebrates!

Plastic pollution severely harms the River Thames by disrupting ecosystems & killing wildlife.

Let's save our fish!

Did you know?

An average of 27,000 plastic bottles are collected each year from the river Thames!

Between 2016 and 2021, over 135,000 single-use plastic bottles were collected from the Thames by Thames21 and the #OneLess campaign.

PLEASE USE
THE RECYCLING
BINS PROVIDED,
THANK YOU

Distance to The River Thames = 0.8 miles

27,000
bottles
EACH YEAR



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Bespoke local plastic pollution information

Wildlife at the riverbank

From dolphins & seals to smoothound sharks and hairy snails, the Thames is a hub of marine life. Keep an eye out for what you can spot and if you see a dolphin, don't forget to tell ZSL for their sightings map.

25

a shocking 25 tonnes of rubbish are collected from the River Thames everyday.

What wildlife can you spot in the playground?

1. Seabass BIG Fish
2. Hairy Snail
3. Sunflower
4. Caterpillar
5. Frog
6. Butterfly
7. Dragonfly
8. Fly

Did you know?
The river Thames is home to Smelt, a fish that smells like cucumber!



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Bespoke wildlife information & scavenger hunt

Information boards

Located within playground

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Cool! NOW it's time
for you to take
control and explore
the design in
3D Virtual reality



*Scan or click me
to jump into the
design*

immersive

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