



Annan News

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Planting for the future

Following the fantastic tree planting at Sacred Earth and thinking about the COP26 climate conference, several classes have been following the children's ideas of things they would like to do to help.



Creating a tree nursery

This week at forest school Willow Class collected lots of different types of tree seeds. They plan to use these to start their own tree nursery, inspired by their work at Sacred Earth. The children created a mandala out of the seeds as part of a tree themed candle time celebration held with chestnut class. Next week they plan to prepare an area of the garden to develop into a tree nursery and plant out the seeds that they collected. They have also welcomed a new teaching assistant called Eve into their class.



Elders organise a Clothes Swap

Elder Class have been learning about COP26 and wanted to do something positive to help the environment, so they organised a class clothes swap. The swap took place on Wednesday with the children bringing in clothes they had grown out of or no longer wore and swapping them with each other. Children were very generous with their donations so there were lots of clothes to choose from; they had great fun trying on the clothes and choosing what they would like to take home.



Chestnuts build a Roman road!

It has been a very hands-on week for Chestnut class, filled with hard work, wonderful collaboration, and lots of creativity.

With an environmental theme, they started the week by collecting different seeds at forest school to plant them and then gave old wooden toy vehicles from kindergarten a new life by sanding them down and fixing them up. As part of learning about transportation during the Roman times, they used saws to make their own Roman arch, made tile mosaics, and finally built our own little stretch of a Roman road!





The plays of childhood are the germinal leaves of all later life.

Froebel

Kindergarten goes to Slays Wood

The children in the Kindergarten enjoyed every moment of their first experience this year of having Forest School at Slays Wood. Reflecting on what they had most enjoyed there were some common themes: Walking through the meadow on the "Choo choo train." "Climbing the holly tree." "Picking up the leaves." "Being buried in the leaves." and "playing leaf rain!". "I liked the see-saw." Alexander enjoyed making, "The fireworks" out of red, yellow, green and brown leaves.

On the way back they stopped at Half Acre to have their lunch, and, have a joyful time on the climbing frame.

We have been pleased to welcome our new teaching assistant, Rachel, who has also been taking small groups for yoga. This week, they sang about a butterfly that stretches out its wings one at a time and then both together, it was great fun!

Advent and Christmas Dates

We would like to invite parents to our Advent Festival and Christmas events this year. Please put these dates in your diary:

Advent Festival – Tuesday 30th November

Every child in the school will be making a lantern. Some of the assembly might be done at home (you will get instructions). Children (who attend all day) bring a snack for after school and wait in their classes. Parents join us at 4.15pm. The Lantern Festival starts at 4.30pm. Parking available in the playground.

Uckfield Late Night Shopping – Friday 3rd December

We are taking part in the Schools Carol singing event on the Uckfield FM stage in the High Street in Uckfield. Our junior children will be performing at 6.30pm. Do come along and support.

Annan Christmas Celebration - Wednesday 8th December

We are planning a Christmas Celebration on 8th December from 2pm. Parking available in the playground. Everyone should come dressed as carol singers and we will walk around the school grounds listening to each class perform their Christmas offering. Dress up warmly and bring a lantern if you like. We will serve mince pies and hot drinks at the end.



And Finally...

Sycamore Class have been honing their hockey skills in PE this week and proving what super sportspeople they are when competing in team games.



Menu for next week:

Monday: Macaroni Cheese & Veggies
Tuesday: Veg & Edamame fried rice
Wed: Veggie Soup & Sourdough
Thurs: Pizza & veggies
Friday: Packed Lunch

Diary dates:

PJ Pyjama Party – Friday 19th November
Advent Festival – Tuesday 30th November
Festive Flair Day – Wednesday 1st December
Uckfield Late Night Shopping – Friday 3rd December
Xmas School Gathering - Wednesday 8th December
Last Day of Autumn Term: Friday 10th December