



Annan News

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Spring is coming and gardening is afoot

Every Friday Helen D'Ascoli and Jules Haltrecht have been working with the children throughout the school creating beautiful and useful spaces and learning a lot of gardening skills and a great deal about composting and biodiversity.

They have been getting the raised beds ready for edible and medicinal herbs plus beds for flowers and vegetables. One of their ideas is to create a space for cultivating mushrooms which would be really fabulous!

They have been adding to the beds' healthy compost from compost made last year but we need to rebuild the compost bays ready for this year. They have also been talking about what they would like to develop next, and they have been talking about fundraising ideas to help fulfil this.

AN INVITATION TO YOU

Helen and Jules would like to invite 10-12 families to come to school on **Saturday 19th March** from **10am** to help make the children's ideas come to life and help them plant seeds, make bean climbers, build compost bays and so on. Whilst this is a family event it would probably be best for any accompanying children to be at least Sycamore age as there won't be any additional supervision for young children.

We also hope, if we have enough families to do some work on the loose parts area in the kindergarden garden such as a new bark chip surface and retainers. For this we would need some handy people who are willing to stay a bit longer.

We will be sending home a form next week with a wish list of plants and seeds. There will be a slip for you to let us know if you can come along from 10am – 12pm (or longer) and what plants you can donate. If you are unable to join this community event it would be lovely if you could support the event by sending in some plants.

Wildlife camera action

In forest school Willow Class set up our new wildlife camera in the woods by a badger set that they found. They placed a mandala of food in shot and then left the camera for a couple of nights before retrieving it and seeing what footage they had. Back in the classroom they watched as foxes, badgers, deer and mice came out of the dark to enjoy the feast they had left for them!

They are now thinking carefully what to do with the video clips; whether there is a creative way to share them and any other places in the woods where they could set up the camera.





Pancake Races

Shrove Tuesday got started with our annual pancake races. All classes took part in the fun with races getting progressively more challenging as children got older.

Kindergarten had a straight run while Elders and teachers were double flipping pancakes over a rope!



Daffodils have arrived

All round school children are drawing and making daffodils. Oak Trees have been creating daffodils using tissue paper and art straws.



Chestnuts use their senses

It's been a busy week for Chestnuts! They started the week by using their senses in in forest school to identify natural items around them. The children then showed off some great presentation skills, really keeping their audience engaged with fun facts and quizzes!

In maths and DT, the children measured and simulated jump lengths of different animals and compared them to their own jumps. They then further applied their measuring skills in DT, where their cushion project is well underway and lots of fabric had to be cut.



Help for Ukrainian Refugees

Cake Bake – please bring in your contributions of cakes, cookies, bread and so on next Thursday 10th for an after-school Cake Sale from 3.30 to 4.30pm. (Nut free and low sugar). Don't forget to bring money to spend!

Ukrainian Lunch – We would like a couple of parents to help cook a lunch next Friday to raise money for the charities who are supporting refugees from Ukraine. The Willows are making bread and we would love some help with a stew/soup or potato pancakes to go with it. Please email asap if you could help on Friday morning next week Thanks.

Menu for next week:

Monday: Pasta

Tuesday: Enchiladas

Wednesday: Soup and sourdough

Thursday: Dahl, onion bhaji and rice

Friday: Ukrainian style lunch

Diary dates:

Thursday: Cake Bake for Ukraine

Friday 11th March: Ukrainian Lunch

Saturday 12th March: Open Morning

Saturday 19th March: Community Gardening Day

Wednesday 30th March: Kinderplay

Thursday 31st March: Last day of term