



# Annan News

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## Community Gardening Day

On Saturday around a dozen families gathered to get started on a range of projects around the school grounds. The sun shone all morning, and we achieved a huge amount.

Many parents had also generously donated plants and seeds and over 20 seed trays were planted up and a herb bed started.

There were lots of small groups of parents working on different projects. We had a group who set up a new composting area in the orchard and another group laid topsoil ready for gardening club to seed next to the pagoda.

Another huge project was started in the kindergarden garden. Two teams of parents and children dug over the muddy areas ready for turfing, whilst the other trundled woodchip up from the drive store to completely resurface the loose parts area and create a path to the woodland and gardening areas.

Lots of tree saplings and bushes were transplanted into their new homes and some new seating was built for the playground.

We were thrilled to get so much done and it really showed that through teamwork so much more can be achieved. The community spirit of the parents, staff and children working together was so uplifting and has given everyone ownership of the garden.

A big, big thank you to everyone who came to help and of course to Helen d'Ascoli (Gardening and Forest School teacher) and Jules Haltrecht (Fabian's mum) for getting the day organised.

Since last Saturday, Roy has laid the turf in the kindergarden garden and put in some logs and sleepers in to create edges. The gardening groups have been bark chipping the quiet garden and seeding the topsoil in the pagoda garden.

It is all now coming together for the arrival of Spring and we will now have so many more beautiful areas to enjoy.





... children and adults should go out together, and together strive to feel in their hearts the spirit and life of nature

Froebel

## Froebel CPD visit

On Wednesday we welcomed a group of teachers who are studying for the Froebel Certificate at Roehampton University as well as their lecturers and a Head of a nursery in Dover.

Amanda and Debby gave them a tour of the Kindergarten and Infant House and Alastair then gave them a short talk on how topics work at Annan following a Froebelian ethos. Melissa, Emily, Jeannette all talked about their areas.

After a tea and cake, Mark and Debby gave a short talk and question and answer session on the school. Mark gave an inspiring talk about what it is to be a Froebelian and talked about how they were joining a proud tradition of Froebel trained teachers and how they could keep connected through the Froebel Network.

Debby talked about the learning at Annan being about Knowledge, Beauty, Life and they were all given packs about the school and one of our very special Annan bags.

The group was totally 'blown away' by the school tour with one of the lecturers saying that "when you think you have seen everything at Annan, there's a surprise round every corner".

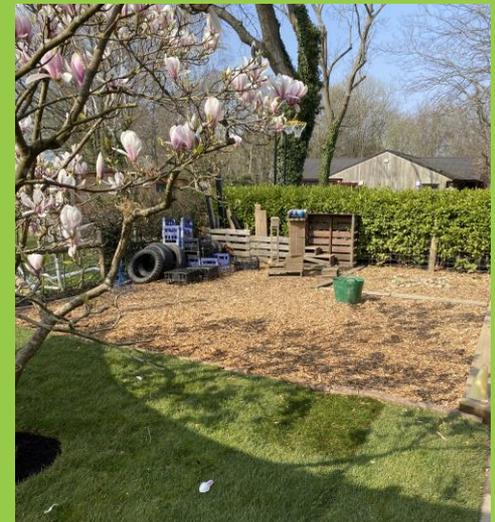
We thought you might like to read some of the feedback they wrote on their visitor comment slips.

*"So inspiring to see such engaged and inspiring teachers/staff"*

*"This was my first time to visit a children's education setting in the UK. I was very inspired to see many different ideas to teach children. It's like a paradise!"*

*"Amazing! Lovely seeing a Froebelian setting. Exciting to see the unity of cohesiveness in person. An exciting and beautiful place. In awe."*

*"Overwhelmed! So much resonates with me and I found the journey quite emotional at points. It has been inspiring, your setting is AMAZING!"*



## Oral Hygiene Talk

On Monday the Junior Classes had a visit from two dental nurses (including Holly, Paula's daughter!) who gave a talk on oral hygiene.

They talked about hidden sugars, how to brush teeth correctly and looking after adult teeth.

This was a fantastic way to finish off their science topic looking at teeth and how to care for them.



### Menu for next week:

- Monday: Jacket potato, beans, cheese + hummus
- Tuesday: Enchiladas with veggies
- Wednesday: Soup and sourdough
- Thursday: Pizza and veggies

### Next Week:

- Weds 30<sup>th</sup> March: Kinderplay
- Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March: Last Day of Term
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Teacher's Meeting Day
- First Day of Summer Term is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April