NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th February

Dear All,

On Tuesday this week we held an exciting meeting about our gardening project. Thank you to Claire, Heidi and Amy for coming along and sharing your ideas. We will be building three new beds on the grass area and are planning lots of activities for the children. These will include opportunities for the children to plant and look after fruits and vegetables as well as growing sunflowers and other wild flowers. There is lots of research which shows that being outside and part of nature is really beneficial for children's wellbeing and learning and we are excited to be able to develop this over the next few months. If you, or any friends and relatives, would like to be involved then all are welcome. Also, we would love donations of things to help us get the project up and running – see below for details.

Elsewhere this week, Oak enjoyed an exciting morning at the gymnastics centre in North Walsham, conquering their fears and challenging themselves with new activities. It was fantastic to hear their enthusiasm when they got back to school. Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to take part in more exciting activities at Hilltop in May and Mr Portas from Erpingham will be in school on Tuesday next week at 8.45am to talk to the children **and** parents about what to expect. Please do come along, it will be lovely to see you.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class…

Pre-school: Junk modelling has been popular in preschool this week and lots of media has been used to make interesting creations. The story of the week has been Shark in the Park and the children have requested it most story times as well as reading it to each other. We also brought the slide inside this week and have used it to improve our turn-taking skills.

Acorn: This week the children in Acorn have been evaluating their refugee puppet designs and finalising the story of why and how they came to the UK. This week the puppets will be travelling up to Norwich to go on display at the Forum all of next week. The following week they will return to school to enable children to show their parents. We have also begun inventing our own journey stories based on The Sheep and the Goat story we have learnt by heart.

Oak: This week, years 3 and 4 have made Egyptian themed necklaces and learned about the importance of jewellery to the ancient Egyptians. As part of their work on science, Oak Class have started an experiment to observe the effects on fruit that has been mummified vs un-mummified fruit. They will be recording results and tracking their experiment over time. In maths, shape work has continued with looking at the translation of 2D shapes. All of Oak Class enjoyed a trip to gymnastics for P.E. and had great fun in the foam pit.

Donation Request Acorn are collecting toiletries for refugees living in Norfolk. New Routes, a Norwich based refugee charity, is desperately in need of shower gel, nappies, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, wipes, etc. to pass on to those in most need who are in the process of settling in Norfolk. Please send in toiletries to the office or via teachers. **Thank you**

Gardening As we develop our gardening area, the children will have the opportunity to be involved at playtimes and lunchtimes. If you are concerned about your child's uniform getting dirty, please make sure they have a pair of waterproof trousers in school each day.

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Gardening Project As mentioned above we are kick starting our garden project again this term. If you, or anyone you know, have any of the following which you would be willing to donate, we would be extremely grateful. Please bring donations to the office. **Thank you in advance!**

- Toilet rolls
- Plant trays
- Old tools – forks, trowels etc.
- Watering cans
- Cardboard boxes for lining the beds
- Compost
- Small fruit trees
- Seeds e.g. sunflower, broad beans and wildflowers

This week's Hi-five awards go to…

Emma H – for super effort in guided reading
Max - for accurate counting in maths
Noah - for great effort in writing
Emily – for being a kind friend
Stanley – for great improvement in handwriting
Kaiya – for being an excellent secret superstar

Dates for your diary

Y5/6 Forest School – Fridays 11th and 25th of March
Y3/4 Forest School – Fridays 4th and 18th of March and 1st April
Y5/6 Swimming – every Monday afternoon
World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March
Acorn Reading Café – Monday 7th March @ 2pm
Parents' Consultations – week beginning 7th March
Acorn puppet drop-in - Wednesday 9th March @ 2.45pm
Acorn Class Gymnastics session @ North Walsham Gym – Tuesday 8th March
Number Day – Friday 11th March
Oak to Norwich Castle (Egyptian Day) - Wednesday 16th March
Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March
Willow Fundraiser – Wednesday 30th March