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Happy Christmas from the MPA garden club!



REAch2 CEO Visits MPA!



It was super exciting to welcome Miss Cathie to our school and garden in November. The weather was not on our side that day but everyone braved the rain for our special occasion. Our chair of governors was there and planted our apple tree. Thank you so much Kiln Farm for letting us have our tree at a special price and choosing the correct variety for our future snacks. We have invited Miss Cathie back in June 2023 so she may have a more pleasurable tour of our outside spaces.

Winter is upon us

We have been working inside and outside this half term. We have planted daffodil bulbs in the lawn near to our reception entrance pathway and winter bulbs we previously planted are already growing steadily in our flower garden area.

A taste of floristry

For our last garden club meeting before Christmas we made some wreaths. Triangle Nursery kindly gave us a big discount on a wreath kit and not only did we have enough to make the main wreath the children used cardboard bases to use the off cuts to make a wreath to take home.



Gardening for our wildlife

Bees are in short supply and often drown when landing on water. We are making an area near to the new apple tree to help our fuzzy friends. We have painted stones to look like flowers to attract the bees and we shall have shallow dishes so the bee can land on the stone instead of the water – have a drink and happily fly away. We hope to share pictures of this new area next time.

Our Wildlife Garden



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We now have a lovely area to attract and help our local wildlife. We have our bird feeder which we stock with various foods to attract many different birds. We have our hedgehog house and a more natural built shelter. There is a bowl set into the ground acting as our mini pond and cuts of tree trunk for insect visitors.

Composting

The compost bin is up and running so snack waste can go into here from our new outdoor recycle bins that will be active in the new year. We are already putting in some garden and kitchen waste .



New year plans

When we return in the new year we will look at our seed catalogues and discuss what we plan to grow. There are already some firm favourites.

Our Greenhouse

Due to the bad weather we had to stop the greenhouse build until the new year. Hopefully after Christmas we will get some fine days to get this constructed ready for our growing.

We are in need of shelving for the greenhouse so if anyone knows of anything suitable that could be donated we would be very grateful indeed.

Competition Winners

As soon as the worst of the winter weather is over we will invite our competition winners to paint their designs onto the vegetable beds. This

is not only to make our containers look lovely but it will help us with our planting planning when the beds are named.

And finally

Thank you for taking the time to read this jam packed second edition of our gardening news letter. It has been a rather long read this time because we have had so much exciting news to share this time!

Have a wonderful Christmas and New year and we will see you in the spring term.

