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Welcome to the February edition of the MPA garden club newsletter – our first of the new year.

Exciting New Year News

The later part of last year I applied to the Suffolk Show, who were offering an exciting competition opportunity to a limited number of schools. Sadly we were not one of the schools chosen until

January I was contacted to say that they had decided to include a further five schools this year and MPA was lucky enough to be one of those!

There will be eight children work alongside me on this project. It is a huge event for us, so we have given interested children an application form to apply to be involved. The closing date is Thursday

15th February and the successful applicants will be informed after half term. We have to submit an 'Olympic' themed garden. On Wednesday 29th May the children involved and I will attend the Suffolk Show and we will proudly show our work to the judges and get to explain what was involved. We will return with an award that can be Commended, Highly Commended, Bronze, Silver, Silver-Gilt, Gold, or Large Gold certificate. There will also be an overall winner.

We will give you an update on our progress in our Easter newsletter!

Suffolk Wildlife Gardening

As you may have heard Year 4 and Suffolk Wildlife have been working together since September. In the Wild Orchard area this half term we have made a wildlife pond. So many people involved to say thank you to! Charlie Zakss Suffolk Wildlife for their amazing ideas and volunteers help. Richard Markham for sourcing the materials and the building of the barrel and frame. A1 Pressure Washers for donating the barrel, N&A Engineering for assisting with the metal frame, Natalie Bloomfield, a Martlesham resident, for donating the large rocks and Robi Spall for moving them all for me!



New Trees

We have planted another two fruit trees last week in our Orchard. We are very sad to be losing an established tree to make way for our new building, but we are hoping to use many parts of it for our garden and wildlife projects. When the building work is complete we will hopefully incorporate much more new planting into our new outdoor plans.

Have a wonderful half term.

Mrs Garrod-Spall