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Welcome to the first edition of the MPA garden club newsletter in this new school year.

The Wild Orchard bears fruit!

What a lovely surprise it was, to return from the summer break, to see two of our orchard trees bearing beautiful apples! During the holidays, the orchard depends on nature for its watering. As we had quite a dry summer and the fact that our trees are still young, our fruit wasn't large enough to eat this year. Instead, Small Blues made good use of the fruit by making bird feeders in forest school.

Revamp of the Green Flag Area



The area at the front of the school, which proudly houses our flagpole, was looking

a bit sad! Using some more of our competition win voucher, we purchased

some new pots and plants. Some of these are evergreen, which means, they will stay looking lovely all year round.

Preparing for Winter

The other main work we have been doing this half term, is preparing for the winter months. We have weeded our vegetable beds ready to top up with fresh compost in the spring. The strawberries have also been covered with one of the old skylights to keep them safe from frosts.

Winter Garden Club

We are going to experiment more with indoor vertical gardening this winter. This time we are going to try and grow an indoor herb wall. Watch this space!

Finally

Thank you to all my gardeners this term, they have shown a real talent for gardening! It's the turn of Year 3 next half term. Have a wonderful break.

Mrs Garrod-Spall

And

The MPA Gardeners

