



Welcome to our second Newsletter. Since last time, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and Reception have all planted their trees. There were so many jobs to do and some great team work was spotted! So far, year 5 volunteers have been making sure they stay well-watered but we will soon be extending this to other classes. Thanks in advance to all children who have volunteered to be tree carers and bird box monitors.

We have run two amazing assemblies. Adele, Aya and Katy did a fabulous job telling us about the Tree Champions project, tree planting projects in the UK and worldwide and suggesting some action steps we can all take. Humaira and Evan prepared and delivered their assembly on Biodiversity with very little adult help. It was very well-researched and delivered - so a massive congratulations to them.



Gardening club with four year 2 students has started. We have already planted some flower seeds (that are good for bees and butterflies) as well as radishes, shallots, beets and peas. Thanks to the parents who donated items for our gardening and tree planting efforts and to Liz Miles for her very kind offer of running the gardening club with me.

All classes have been enjoying Forest School and have carried out a range of activities including: making kites and friendship bracelets, den building and bug hunts. Year 2 painted some beautiful pebbles to place in our wildlife area and did a great job planting sunflower seeds.





Yesterday, Year 5 had an amazing day, taking part in the "Speaking up for Nature" workshop run by the inspirational Jenny, from the Speaker's Trust. The morning started with some wonderful confidence building exercises outside. We learned that how you walk, stand, smile and gesture can all help with delivering your speech. The children learned how to structure and develop content for their speeches and as the rain forced us inside, we got the chance to develop our own stories and messages about nature. All the children were inspired and passionate, and Mrs Jones and I were bursting with pride and emotion as they delivered

their amazing speeches. We have the unenviable task of trying to choose our top 5. Everyone was incredible, so that is going to be a very tough job.

Some of the powerful messages that came from the students yesterday included:

Jack: Let's be united together and fight against deforestation.

Elizabeth: Trees are here to keep us alive, so let's do something for them in return.

David: I am talking about saving the planet because plants and animals can't talk.

Lucas: If you want to help; recycle, stop littering and stand up for the environment.

Imogen: If we want to be one of Earth's heroes, we have to speak up and save the world. We all have power!

Marla: You should be helping your community by planting and helping trees.

Harry: It's not just me and Greta Thunberg - we can all work together.

