

Friday 30 April 2021

It has been another busy week at Kingswode Hoe as we all continue to grow!

Pupils across the school have focused on **National Gardening Week** as part of our theme and it was wonderful to hear from Acorn class who shared how a bean grows, the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and some of the planting activities they have been doing via their special Teams assembly.

People from other classes said they liked:
“The beautiful video talking about how to grow a bean.”
“How they did the flowers.”
“How well they all behaved on the screen.”

We have been outside and active, reinforcing the National Gardening principles that connecting with nature is good for our physical and mental well-being and the importance of gardens and green spaces.

Hopefully, you will be able to get out and about in the fresh air during the bank holiday weekend ready to return to school on Tuesday.

Wishing everyone well.



Mrs Constantine, Headteacher



Planting potatoes and runner beans

Identifying plants around school

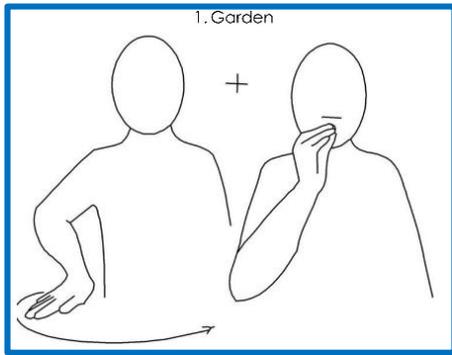
Weekly Update

IMPORTANT- CONTINUED COVID COMMUNICATION

Any Covid-19 symptoms or cases must be notified as quickly as possible- **please ask to speak to Mrs Constantine or Mr Lee if you need to report anything relating to Covid-19.**
Even with vaccines and testing in place, we continue to update our risk assessment in school and follow safety measures to keep staff and pupils as safe as possible.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>





Sign language for garden



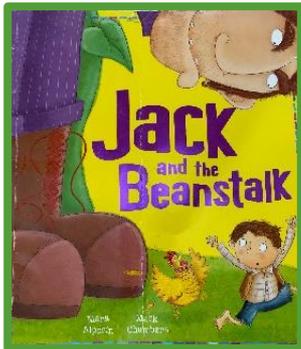
Keeping a bean diary



Some flower pictures by Acorn class made of seeds



Sequencing the Jack and the Beanstalk story





GARDENING NEWS

It is a busy time of year in the school garden and Branch Class have been watering the plants and flowers. In the raised beds, they planted peas, potatoes and onions and have been doing a great job of looking after them.

We were also very excited to discover that for the first time in three years, the mini wildlife pond has got frog spawn in it! We saw a few tiny tadpoles so we look forward to keeping you updated with their progress.



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Parent and Carer Communication
Summer term 2021



In time of silver rain
The earth
Puts forth new life again



INSIDE THEIR STURDY HEARTS OF WOOD
TREES ARE SIMPLY DOING GOOD.

In Time of Silver Rain by Langston Hughes

In time of silver rain
The earth
Puts forth new life again,
Green grasses grow
And flowers lift their heads,
And over all the plain
The wonder spreads
Of life, of life, of life!
In time of silver rain

The butterflies lift silken wings
To catch a rainbow cry,
And trees put forth
New leaves to sing
In joy beneath the sky
As down the roadway passing boys
And girls go singing, too,
In time of silver rain
When spring
And life are new.

Trees are good at what they do,
at being oak or beech or yew.
They shake their leaves to make a breeze
and pop out blossom for the bees.
In crook of branch they'll hold a nest
which, birds concur, is for the best.
On rainy days they shield the feller
who's forgot his umbrella.
In summer they provide the shade
for picnickers out in the glade.
Inside their sturdy hearts of wood
trees are simply doing good.

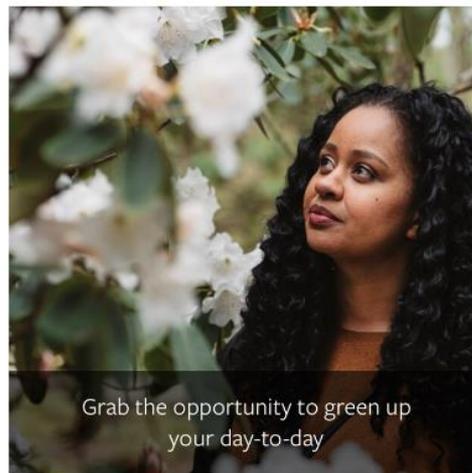
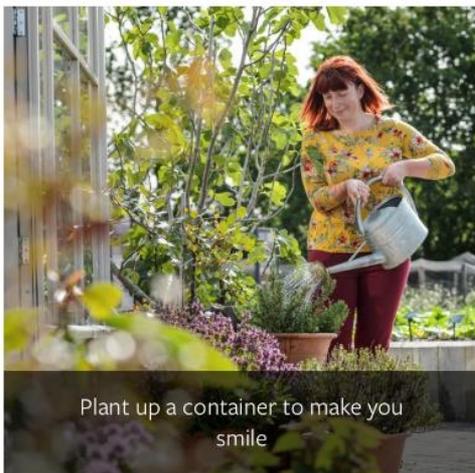
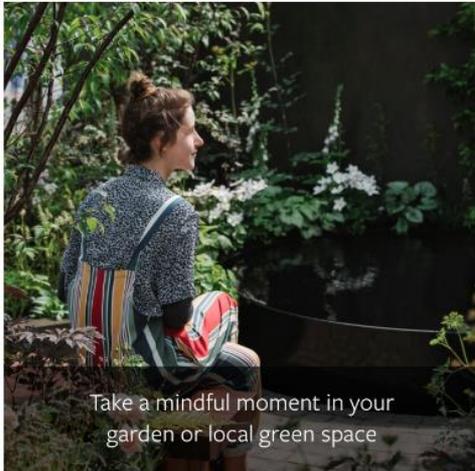
In The Tree's Defence by A.F. Harrold

Poems shared in our
whole school Teams
assembly this week-
found at:
[https://www.poetry
byheart.org.uk/](https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/)

Boosting Vitamin G

Here are some ideas from the Royal Horticultural Society

A few ideas to help you get your daily dose of Vitamin G





The daffodils and tulips are in full bloom at the front of school with our recycled garden furniture



Orchard class have been busy planting sunflowers too...



Year 10 Outdoor Maths

Pupils were given a variety of measuring tasks involving, distance, height, width and perimeter.

Using trundles, tape and metre rules, pupils worked in pairs and recorded their results.



This week it was our Year 11 pupils who had the opportunity to discover a variety of pond life at Highwoods Country Park. Pupils also enjoyed getting to know their surroundings and being introduced to different textures when tree hugging.



Pupils from Year 7 and 8 have also been keeping fit and healthy with outdoor games and athletics this week.



Notices

IMPORTANT

Monday 3 May is a bank holiday so school will be CLOSED



DIARY DATES

Bank holiday:

Monday 3 May

Half term:

Monday 31 May -

Friday 4 June

Last day of summer term: Tuesday 20 July



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Theme next week...



Theme of The Week

National Share a Story Month

<https://fcbg.org.uk/national-share-a-story-month/>

...Also look out in the newsletter next week for some super Samba and drumming sessions that have taken place in school this week!