

Pinner Wood Garden Newsletter, March 2022

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Dear Families,

With the Spring alarm clock faintly bleeping in the distance, our lovely garden is starting to wake up. We are now beginning to see glimpses of daffodils, crocus and snowdrops signalling that warmer, sunnier days are ahead. And so, the planning for planting begins...

We have been lucky enough to have been given some 400 free hedgerow and tree whips, which we will use to hedge the garden meadow so it is protected from balls etc.

One family has donated their bark chippings to us following some tree surgery in their garden and we are so grateful for this; please think of us if this is something you could help with in the future. Wood chippings are something we are always in need of as it provides a cloak that covers our quiet area and forest area floors.

The Tree Council, with whom we worked last year, are coming to plant the whips as well as commencing work for a Woodland Trail. Our Beacon status and continued partnership is something we are super-proud of.

We are already thinking about the summer and all the plants, flowers, fruit and veg that we would like to grow.

It would be wonderful if you could donate some items to us!

We need:

- Veg seeds (various easy to grow vegetable seeds like broad and runner beans, peas etc.)
- Flower seeds: sunflower, sweet peas (they were gorgeous last year and lasted until December!) Nigella (love in a mist) or any other easy to grow flower seeds (Cosmos, Nasturtium)
- Seed trays
- Fine seed compost
- Pots
- Watering cans- although we have hoses and a sprinkler, it would be lovely to have some watering cans with a fine 'rose'.
- Trowels and smaller children-sized spades/forks (we have just ordered 10 micro-shovels, thanks to the FoPW).

Please send anything you are able to donate in with your children.



Other news:

Our Values Ambassadors (Rishika, Robin, Archie, Abayti, Siddi and Amy) held a fundraising 'Hedgehog Café' in the outdoor classroom and garden for years 5 and 6 to round off our 'Strength Through Positivity' half term- and raised a marvellous £187 towards the new playground!



In addition, we have harvested the leeks we planted last May; what do you think? Some keen gardeners in Year 5 made them into a delicious leek and potato soup.



Watch this space for future Saturday Gardening Club dates...

