

We know this has been another very difficult term for you with the entire country going into a third lockdown in early January. Having said this, your response has been phenomenal and I would like to congratulate you for the amazing way you have supported your child over the past three months. Please enjoy the photographs in the newsletter celebrating the fantastic learning that has been going on both at home and in school.

With shielding ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, we are really looking forward to having all of our pupils and staff in school for the summer term.

### Staffing Update

We will be saying farewell to one of our sixth form teachers, Victoria Mills at Easter. We would like to wish Victoria the very best of luck in her new school and to thank her for her time with us. We are also saying a temporary farewell in a couple of weeks to Carley, one of our mid-day supervisors who is going to become a Mum again.

As we say goodbye to Victoria and Carley we are delighted to welcome Navpreet Ghataurhae to the Nether Hall Team. Navpreet has a number of years' experience as a teaching assistant in schools before recently completing her teacher training. Navpreet will be teaching in the primary phase of the school.

### Outdoor Learning Area Update

Despite the recent lockdown, we have continued our development work by planting 18 mature trees, installing two bird feeding stations and most recently having a tyre trail fitted to give our students an additional resource to play on and develop their balance skills.

The daffodils are out, the blossom is on its way and our amazing willow domes are coming into leaf. The whole area is looking more and more beautiful by the day, even on grey days. It's also great to see that we are attracting wildlife, because, as well as providing a fabulous resource for our students, we wanted to create a haven for wildlife.



Mature trees and bird feeders



New tyre trail in action



We have a fox that visits us now

Many thanks to our outdoor learning leader, Jane Hauton, who has refused to let a worldwide pandemic get in the way of our ecological work and the continued development of this fantastic learning and recreation area.

For our Eco School, Green Flag award and in conjunction with Leicester City Council, Sustainable Schools team, we have signed up for the 'Litter Less' campaign. We launched the project on zoom and set the students a half term challenge. We now have our new Super Bin and litter picking equipment and are trying to recycle as much litter as we can.



Protecting our environment - litter picking

## Primary Pics



Easter egg hunting



Enjoying making and eating chocolate ganache



Planting seeds

## Secondary Snaps



Creating patterns on the touch screen



Recognising and writing initial sounds



Having fun in PE

## Sixth Form Photo's



Crushing biscuits to make cheesecake



Looking after the wildlife at home



Making vegetable lasagne

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and sincerely hope you have the opportunity to spend time with more friends and family than you have for a while.....even if it is outside!

Sarah Naylor  
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