

Hello!

Spring Term is nearly over! Here's a round up of what we've been up to...

Our **Valentine's Day** cake sale was LOVE-ly! Thank you to everyone who baked and everyone who bought a cake!

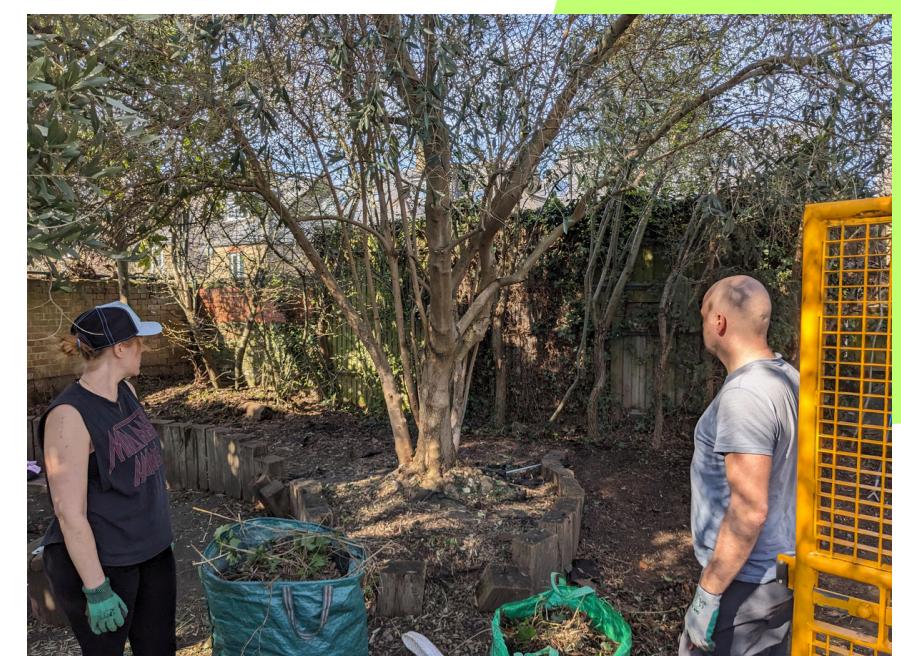


In February, we celebrated **Mental Health Awareness Week** with breathwork and movement sessions for all children (and some teachers!), as well as self-esteem workshops for Year 6 children with the amazing Mr Lisp.

This year, we decided a day wasn't enough to truly celebrate the joys of books and reading, so we organised events for **World Book Month**! Throughout March, we had visits from Alex Barrow and Gabby Dawnay, Graham Whitlock, Sophy Henn, and Jack Noel. We also had theatre workshops for Years 2-4 and the Paper Cat Bookshop hosted a super popular mini book fair. There was also a little visit from The Gruffalo for early years...what a fun month!



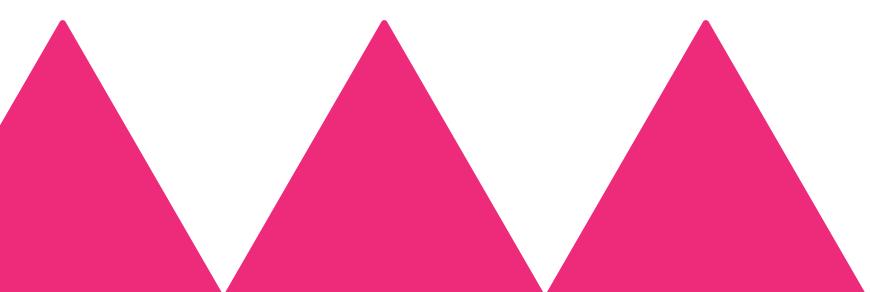
With the weather getting warmer, we held our first ever **Volunteer Gardening Days** in March. With the help of some lovely volunteer parents/ carers (and their kids!), we moved 6 tonnes of top soil, spread woodchip, planted lots of lovely perennials, and started work on the garden plot behind the MUGA, all with the aim of sprucing up the school's outside areas. Thank you to everyone who gave their time on the day, to Norwood Forum for our playground grant, Floral Hall for their lovely donations and to Greengage Environmental for their generous donation towards equipment and resources. And of course, to Alex Barrow for the beautiful dragon mural in the Reception playground!



Our final event of term was the **Year 6 Spring Fair**. Children and their families created an amazing event with lots of games, handmade accessories and plenty of delicious treats. They raised an incredible £1,200 which will go towards their end of year activities. Well done Year 6!



We have several roles coming up within the PTA next year - if you are interested in getting involved and/or have something specific you'd like to lead on, please get in touch!
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Look out for emails about our
next Volunteer Gardening days in
Summer Term!