

University Primary Academy Kidsgrove

Head of School's Weekly Newsletter Friday 10th November 2017



"Together Everyone Achieves More"

Dear parents and carers,

As many of you saw, this week myself and the teachers have been busy planting trees in various locations around the school! The Woodland Trust have given us sixty (yes, that is not a typo - sixty) trees to plant as part of our ongoing commitment to outdoor learning and sustainability! Lots of children will have the opportunity to plant their own tree in the community garden too over the next couple of weeks. I am extremely pleased to tell you that we are now a "Forest School" and learning will take place outdoors with Mrs Gould on a very regular basis... Wellies, gloves, coats and hats at the ready! We have also had lots of parents and family members volunteering to be a part of our team of gardeners, we will be in touch with all volunteers very soon! Thank you for the amazing offers of help.

On Sunday, the prefects and I will be placing a poppy wreath in the Kidsgrove War Memorial Garden and all family members are welcome to join us there for this very important moment in the annual Kidsgrove calendar.

Finally, thank you to all of the parents, carers and family members who have signed up to get involved in learning at our academy next week.

Miss Pope, Head of School

Learning Outdoors

Well done to Year 1 children who were superstars during their very first FOREST SCHOOL session this week! It was great to see the children working together in teams and exploring the wonders and possibilities of the great outdoors. The hot chocolate was also delicious!

Community Planting

Thank you to Year 2 children who have been busy planting on Gloucester Road this week! It is wonderful that our children want to get involved in improving the local area - both now and in the future.

Key dates for your diary:

- ✓ **W/b 13th November** Family Learning Week. We appreciate the frustration that some working parents feel at not being able to attend some sessions with the children during the day but please note that **ALL** family members are welcome to attend these sessions. Some sessions are planned for the evenings but these unfortunately will not involve learning with the children. **Please do let your class teacher know if you wish to receive any information from the sessions but are unable to attend in person. They will make sure that you get copies and details.**
- ✓ **30th November** PTFA Christmas Fayre

Classes and Pupils

Our Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children:

Reception: Natasha, Robbie, Finley, Cassidy.

Year 1: Sampson, Jack, Casey, Darcey.

Year 2: Lennon, Thomas, Kian, Mia.

Year 3: Olivia, Isabelle Jayden, Lewis.

Year 4: Ethan, Teagan, Macy, Taylor

Year 5: Poppy, Daniel, Luca, Leighton

Year 6: Chris, Bailey, Chloe, Joshua.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 4 for achieving the award for the highest attendance this week with 98%. Well done!

