

# Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School

## Newsletter



19 March 2021

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Clarke

### Message from Mrs Clarke

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been wonderful to see all the children come together today in their red clothes to celebrate and raise money for Red Nose Day. Thank you for your support with this.

We have had another busy week of learning, across the school, about '*From a tiny seed, what things are possible?*' and it's truly wonderful to see what lovely art work the children are producing from this topic – beautiful still life plant drawings in Year 2, stunning sunflowers in Year 3 and amazing mod rock leaves in Year 5 and 6. The children have also been busy getting outside, improving our outdoor environment and working together to plant an orchard (Year 6) and to grow their own vegetable crop (Year 5). It is wonderful to see! We have thought how we can ensure that this learning is captured for all the children to see. So next week, the children will have the opportunity to see each classes learning as we will be hosting an exhibition in the hall. The hall will be set up with examples of the children's learning over the past three weeks so each class (one at a time to ensure social distancing) will visit the hall to see each other's beautiful work. We will take photos of the exhibition for you to see as well!

A very big thank you to Mrs Hudson, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Bould and Mrs Green who have dedicated the past couple of weekends to clearing the overgrown garden area and potting shed so that the children could make use of these lovely facilities. As always, an example of our wonderful staff going above and beyond to make learning possible in our school. Thank you!

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter this week! I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
Rebecca Clarke

### Covid 19 Tests & Guidance

Please see update guidance for parents from the DfE click [here](#)

Don't forget as a household with children in school you can obtain adults Lateral Flow Tests and administer these twice weekly. See the below for details of where to obtain them (you will need to scroll down the page, the first section relates to secondary pupils and all school staff).

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

We will be sending out information next week to tell you what to do if your child develops symptoms in the first few days of the Easter holidays. As at Christmas, we are again expected to advise families if your child needs to isolate due to a positive case. It is important for you to familiarise yourself with the process so we can reduce the spread of Covid.



# From a tiny seed, what things are possible?

## Reception

We have been planting mustard seeds. We are doing an experiment to see if they will grow in a bottle, on sponges and in bags. We have planted cress seeds too!



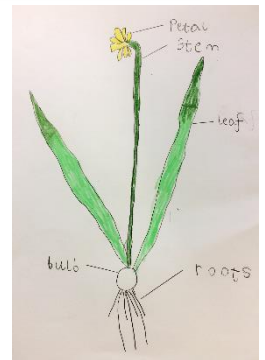
## Year 1

This week we completed our artwork in the style of Andy Warhol's pop art flowers. Doing the background took ages but we think we did a fantastic job! We have also been creating some beautiful clay and seed art. We used a variety of different seeds and placed them carefully on the coloured clay. When we were happy with our design, we pressed them in gently and then covered our whole creation with PVA glue as a varnish. As part of our science work, we looked at the different parts of a daffodil. We drew the daffodils - looking carefully at the detail - and then added labels. We are keeping an eye on the sunflowers we planted last week and we are very excited that we can see the first shoots on some of them!



## Year 2

Have experimented on the conditions needed to grow healthy plants. We discovered that seeds without water will not start growing and seeds without sunlight will be long, weak and yellow. We used this to think about us... What do we need to grow and be healthy? What would happen to us if we didn't have those things?"



## Year 3

These are pictures of sunflowers that Year 3 have sculpted out of clay last week and this week they have painted them prior to being fired.



## Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been designing our own inventions that will change the world! We have come up with glasses that help blind people to see and a drone that will deliver food to third world countries among many other fantastic ideas!

Anya: "We are trying to improve people's lives and bring new ideas to the world!"

Delilah: "Our inventions are starting as a tiny seed and we are hoping to grow them into something great, like the mustard tree!"

Amber: "An idea is like a tiny mustard seed, but if we never give up on our ideas it could grow!"

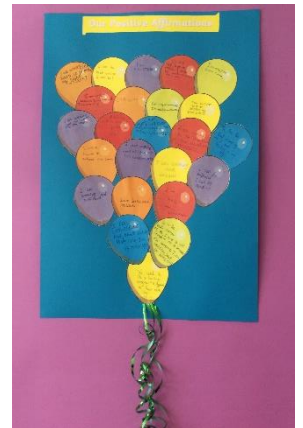
We have also spent some time looking at how important having a growth mindset is and how using positive affirmations can help us grow. Some of the positive affirmations we came up with are:

Ethan: "Never give up!" Evie: "Believe in yourself!" George: "I am unique!" Evalyn: "I am brave and confident!"

## Year 5

This week Year 5 have made great progress with the garden. We planted onions, potatoes and parsnips straight into the beds. In the potting shed we have tomatoes, cress, celery, stringless beans and beetroot which will go into the beds after Easter when the weather gets a little warmer. We have also been working on our Yinka Shonibare inspired tree. We have created fabric leaves using the batik process and modroc leaves that we shall be painting next week.

Please do make sure Year 5 have a look on Teams at our gardening channel as we have been blogging about the work we have done in the garden and we would love you all to see how it's coming along.



## Year 6

This week we have done:

- ✚ The painting on our islands, first we painted the island in one colour and the next day we were putting all the detail on the island.
- ✚ Tuesday morning, we wrote similarities and differences on Kensuke and Michael from our book *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. Did you know it is based on what happened to Michael Morpurgo when he was 12?
- ✚ On Wednesday we all did the "Lockdown Olympics" for our PE. Esme got the highest score of 93 on the speed bounce!!! WOW!
- ✚ On Thursday, we were making a tree, but not a normal tree, it is based on an artist called Yinka Shonibare, so the leaves will be a colourful combination of repeated patterned leaves.
- ✚ Last but not least, today we are doing the finishing touches to our art project on Yinka Shonibare. It was fun and messy!

## Lunches

Please note the current lunch menu will continue for next term. Once Vertas have sent through the menu with updated dates, we will upload this to the school website.