



Mulberries

Mulberry are growing some beanstalks – I wonder if they will be as tall as Jack's in the famous fairytale...



The children have also been having great fun playing and learning with the new outdoor equipment FOSP have funded: thanks FOSP!

Year 1 and 2

In Science, the children have been learning about the seasons and they have made these four seasons plate clocks:

These were created by Ollie and Harry.



Year 3 and 4

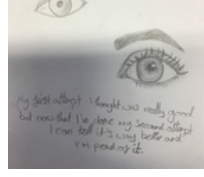
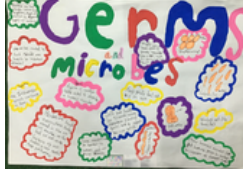


In Art, the children have been sketching some daffodils. They have tried really hard to observe the shapes of the petals and the trumpet:

These were drawn by Hunter, Senan and Amelia

Year 5 and 6

Year 6 have been learning about microbes and created some posters to raise awareness of how they can be both harmful and helpful. In Art, they have also been drawing some fantastic eyes, as part of our work on facial features and portrait drawing:



This week, our Year 6 and all other Year 6 pupils around the country will be sitting their compulsory national SATs test. They have worked so hard in the build up and we are really proud of their efforts. We know they will give it their all!



Ascension Day

On Thursday, children from EYFS to Year 4 visited the church to send some messages and prayers up the spire, as part of the Ascension Day celebrations. It was a beautiful sunny day and they had fun watching them be pulled up the rope.



FOSP News

We would like to say a huge thank you for supporting our first two fundraisers of the summer term - the Summer Disco and Spare Change Challenge. Together they raised over £1,000! That is a fantastic total.



The winning class for the spare change challenge was Mulberry! Well done - we hope you enjoy your class treat.

Inflatables Day - Sunday 19th May

Planning for Inflatables Day is well underway but we now need your support. Please buy your tickets online - you can do this via our website: <https://fospschool.co.uk/fosp-events/>. While you can also buy wristbands on the day, buying them ahead of time helps us to understand what numbers we will expect. We also need volunteers to do an hour on the bar, tuck or BBQ or to help with set up/pack away, full explanation of the tasks will be given on the day, most people find it fun and it's a great way to meet new parents too. There are a total of 76 slots to fill, but so far we have only filled around one quarter of these, and some people are volunteering in more than one spot. If you can help, please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/KECMW>

Scarecrow Trail - 25th May - 2nd June

The annual trail will run during half term and the deadline to enter is 20th May as this gives enough time to get the maps printed. If you would like to display a scarecrow with a children's book character theme, please email coggeshallscarecrowtrail@outlook.com before Monday 20th May! There will be deluxe hampers for the winning scarecrows.

Match funding

We are still looking for match funders. The match funders we had for fireworks essentially paid for an entire school trip with the figure they were able to contribute through their work. Please get in touch with ptafofp@gmail.com if you can help us to raise extra funds through your company.



School Expansion

As you will be aware, the Local Authority have proposed expanding our intake from 45 children each year to 60 children each year, ideally starting in September 2025. Preschool places would increase from 18 to 30 full-time equivalent spaces. In order to accommodate these additional children, they would need to carry out some building work at the school. Although this building project has not gone to the planning phase yet, the Local Authority had originally hoped that the work could potentially start over the summer holidays - 2024.

The exact timeline and the details for the project are still being worked out by the Local Authority, the architects and the contractors. The current proposal is for the additional building to be on the Key Stage 1 playground, incorporating preschool and two additional classrooms, as well as a studio, a library area and a SEND room/office. There will be also be an additional room for which we have yet to decide its purpose.

As you can imagine, there is lots for us to think about as a school, and I am in contact with the Local Authority to ensure that our needs are taken into account throughout the process. I am in a fortunate position to have a solid team around me with expertise in both the construction and the finance elements.

When the building work starts, we will need to consider the impact this will have on our daily running of the school - particularly with regard to drop-off and pick-up. As soon as I am in a position to share more information, I will do so.



School dates

newly added items or any changes are highlighted in yellow

May	
13th - 16th	Year 6 SATS
19th 12pm-4pm	FOSP Inflatables Day
22nd	French Day
23rd	9.30am start - EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (parents arrive from 9.15am) 1.15pm start - KS2 Sports Day (parents arrive from 1.00pm)
24th	Non-pupil day
25th - 2nd	FOSP Scarecrow Trail
27th - 31st	HALF TERM
June	
7th & 14th 12pm-1.30pm	FOSP Fathers' Day Stall
4th	Class photos
12th	Mersea Beach Trip - Mulberry Class
14th - 2.45pm	Mulberry class assembly

