

ECO News



On the 23 March my two friends and I planted some broad beans. When we planted them they were pink but when they grow they will be green. We planted them in one of the four vegetable patches.

We spread the broad beans across the bed.

Then we pushed the beans into the soil.

Next we covered the broad bean in soil

Finally we watered them.

By Alice Grainger



On March 23rd, I, Daisy and Connor all planted a row of peas in one of the vegetable patches. We put sticks on either end of the vegetable patch, so we know where our own lines of peas are. I have to water my row of peas regularly, so the seeds don't die. But, of course, we don't water them when it has just rained! It will at least take two to three weeks for a pea to grow. When we first put the peas in the soil, we noticed one very strange thing, the pea seeds were green and a bit of pink! Only a few days ago, I noticed that one of my peas that I planted started to grow a tiny bit!

By Charlotte Koster

Preparing a new area.

The area is next to the new large shed, which, at the moment, is covered with weeds and ivy. We have started to dig up all the weeds, but the ivy was quite a problem because the roots were too deep under the ground. If we snap the roots it will just grow again!

We are preparing the ground for some grass seeds which we will sprinkle over as soon as we've cleared the ground of weeds.

By Christian.

Competition potatoes

Before we planted the competition potatoes year three and four weeded the vegetable beds. When we finished the weeding we put peat free conditioner down on the old soil.

While we were gardening for two weeks the Rocket and Casablanca potatoes were chitting on the window sill. Chitting means that they start to have green shoots on them. BE CAREFUL THE SHOOTS ARE PRECIOUS AND DELICATE. Before you plant them, make a big hole in the soil then pop one potato in it, keep going until you have planted all the potatoes. Then cover them up and water them.

We had to plant them on the 15th of March and we have to harvest them on the 21st of June to take part in the competition.

These are rocket potatoes.



This is a Casablanca potato.



Amber-Rose

My Spring Job

My Rowan tree

First we dug a big hole in the grass on the field. Next, we put a Rowan tree in the middle of the hole; you need a partner to hold the tree while you turn the soil over that you had just dug out. We turned the grass over because you don't want the grass to go over the tree.

Rowan trees turn red and get taller every year; a Rowan is very beautiful.

By Faye and Eddie.



What happened to the compost bin on the 16th of March?

When?

Last Wednesday my group had to move the position of the big and black compost bin. It is behind the willow tunnel and further up past the bark area.

Who?

Lauren, Peter and Ella were all in my group; we used trowels, gardening gloves and shovels to transfer the waste.

Why?

The reason why we moved it was because the bin was at an angle and was unstable. Also, because the air would mix with the fruit waste to break it down into compost. It was a hard job, everyone got dirty but we got there in the end.

How?

The way that we did the messy job was to take the big, black monster off the compost and carried it to a flatter surface. Then we collected special tools to carry the pear and apple cores, banana skins and orange peel into a flower pot that wasn't being used. Once we had filled our pots, then we tipped it into the big bin in its new position and gradually the monster was filled with fruit waste.

The bin is now at stage 2 (mixing with the air and turning into compost that we will put onto the flower and vegetable beds)

Karussell and Jess



Splitting the Snowdrops

First we dug up some snowdrops from the quiet area.

Then we planted them back in again but in a different place.

But before we did that we had to carefully pull them apart.

Please be careful to not tread on them.

We think they will grow up like these. Because we have split them they will now have more room to grow and we will keep splitting them and make more.

By John and Scarlett



Planting the carrots

We planted them in one of the vegetable patches. When we planted them they looked tiny, like a full stop and they were very pale but when they grow they'll be orange. What we had to do to plant them was hold the packet and with one finger tap it lightly and about four or five would come out. We carried on sprinkling them in a row and covered them up with some more soil, and then we watered them.

By Katherine

Spreading the compost on to the vegetable beds

In gardening club, the vegetable gardens had been prepared, but the soil was all dried out, so we emptied some sacks of peat free soil conditioner on to the four beds. Here's how to spread some soil over your gardening patch.

First we opened the sacks with some scissors.,

Then we poured the soil out of the sacks.

We needed 2 sacks for each bed.

Then we spread the soil out with a trowel.

We then planted some vegetable seeds that were peas, potatoes,

green beans, and carrots. We were very lucky because we got the soil conditioner from the people at the tip.

William and Connor.

Silver Birch

We planted 6 Silver Birches. Hannah planted her Silver Birch in where the new shed is now. If you don't know where the new shed is it's by the quiet area. We watered are plants every 2 days to make sure they won't die; be careful not to water it too much. If it rained last night don't water it and if the week end was very hot water it a bit more than you normally do. Lauren planted her Silver Birch by the frog pond which is up at the top by the hedge. We planted them on the 6th of March We planted them because we were doing gardening to make the school grounds look better.



By Lauren and Hannah

How to plant cherry trees

Hazelnut trees

Do you want to hear about what we have been growing in a new garden? This new garden is in the school grounds.

Two weeks ago our group weeded and prepared the 'nut tree garden' by the pond. When we got started it was tricky because we kept on digging the terribly stiff weeds up and sometimes we were breaking the roots so unfortunately we just had to leave them; they will probably grow again . After that we planted nut saplings in-between the two hedges so it covers up the fence behind the soil.

Annabel and Millie.

At the end of the field and next to the wobbly board year 3/4 planted some cherry trees. The colour of the cherry tree leaves were strawberry and lime green.



First Mrs Lowe dug out a squared hole in the ground for each tree.

Once she had done that we just left the soil by the hole.



Next we chose a tree, ours was a cherry, and other people chose either silver birch or a rowan tree.

Once we had chosen them we grabbed a partner, who held our trees up so they wouldn't fall over.

Then with the left over soil we turned it upside down so the grass was at the bottom because then the grass would rot down and the soil would make the tree stand up straight.

After that, all we did was pushed the soil down with the tip of our boot to make sure the soil was flat.

Finally we gave our tree a good drink.

And that's how you plant a cherry tree.

Olivia and Daisy



Preparing and planting the vegetable beds





Our new Nut Tree Hedge



potatoes

The potatoes are planted in two vegetable beds. We dug a big hole with a spade and then we used trowels to make the holes bigger. When we thought the hole was deep enough we put seed potatoes in; they looked like normal potatoes but with little small green sprouts on. Before we had done all of that we put the seeds on the windowsill to grow the little sprouts.



Lets hope they're going to grow like these.

By Rowan Allen and Peter Saunders

Planting the Rhubarb

In the Quiet Garden we planted some rhubarb. First we dug a big hole that would be big enough for the rhubarb. It came from Mrs Lowe's garden and is called a rhubarb crown. It needed lots and lots of water, because it was a very hot day when we planted it.

It now needs to be watered once every other day and on Fridays, I have to water it a lot, because it won't be watered over the weekend.

At the moment, it is doing very well. I hope it grows into a big, strong plant, and feeds everyone in my class!!!!!!

By Amelia Thompson YR 4

