



# Environment Team



## Busy Bee's Buzzing Newzzz 26/06/2013

Hi all,

The "busy Bee's" were having a rare coffee recently, and as often happens during these reflective times we thought it would be useful to let the community know what we have been up to.

Firstly, introduction would not go amiss, our Team leader (S.M.T) is Tom Watson who guide's Richard, Deb and Mike (all parents) through our current school priorities.

We usually work on Mondays, easily identifiable by our designer blue overalls (not a look everyone can carry off).

What do we do? You may ask. Well maybe an overview of what has been accomplished so far and a list of some projects that are in progress would be useful.

### **Completed/ in progress so far;**



Repainting "after school club" building (in progress). Cost of paint £40.



Compost heap taken away from front of school. No cost.



Exterior walls surrounding reception repainted to draw visitors to the main entrance and to create a good first impression.

As the old saying goes, "you never get a second chance to create a good a first impression". Cost of paint £90



Some of the woods cleared.



Warehouse exterior wall (in progress) using same paint as reception area.



In addition, many maintenance jobs that constantly need attention E.G. weeding, sweeping, window cleaning, tree felling, grass cutting and many more. Thank you to all who do these jobs regularly.



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### Works- To-Do list



Replace corporate signage to wood to reflect school ethos of creating form (using existing signs previously removed) no cost; just workers needed.



Replace Fencing around outdoor classroom with curved panels and some new posts to reflect the school ethos of creating form.  
Cost of material £180; workers needed.



Clear the fire exits in the warehouse to comply with health and safety reg's.  
No cost; workers needed.



Cleaning up the woods as these will be part of the "new parents" guided tour plus it's a job that can be done at no cost to the school; just workers required.



Tarmac playground/car park and drive ways. A parent is looking into the company they work for completing work as a charitable gift.



Insulate main school loft. £800 put to one side, plus a parent has a qualified roofing contact who has offered to measure up and fit free and get the materials at cost.



Seal all roof leaks. We are hoping to get the same roofing contact to support the school with this project too.



Paint the front of the garden room where the render has been taken off.  
We have the paint.



Renovate the old pottery room to create more classroom facilities. Needs to be discussed with S.M.T. We will update on this project in next communication.



Sanding down the paintwork at nursery and kindergarten.



Repainting all the kindergarten and nursery.



Signage for all the kindergarten buildings.



Move airbrick that is blocked in kindergarten.



Need an 'A' board making for advertising nursery and kindergarten places.



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## Financial Report

Donated by	Amount	Used for
Mrs Tipper (the choir)	£150	Fencing, Paint plus materials used so far
Toms Gym Club	£200	Fencing, Paint plus materials used so far
<b>Subtotal remaining</b>	<b>£40</b>	
Toms sponsored swim	£400	Loft insulation
Collection from festival of works	£150	Loft insulation
Doreen's hair cut sponsorship	£250	Loft insulation
Total ear marked for loft insulation	£800	
<b>Total remaining</b>	<b>£40</b>	
Ian Stevenson sponsored "raise the roof" singathon	TBA	Roof repairs

**Work Days;** After several "work days" which have all had a positive impact on the school environment, we would like you to know about the final workday of the school year which happens to fall on the morning of the final Festival of Work. As our children will be working so hard for us in the afternoon, could we come together as a parent body in the morning to work for their school? It would be lovely to have all hands on deck to complete the current to do list, see list below, as this will be useful mainly to give some indication of what tools/cleaning materials you may need to bring with you to help complete the day's tasks from the Environment team before the holidays. It would also be lovely to have a mass picnic at lunchtime



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ahead of the festival of work. To come together as a school community before we break for seven weeks would be a good way to end the term. We've asked Helen, the Kindergarten rep to communicate this to their parent body, so we can all help each other's. Please do make the effort to come and help.

**Work day task list...** This list will be on display so that you can pick a task



Could someone with a van or trailer please bring it in to remove all none binale rubbish



Finish outdoor classroom fencing. We have purchased the materials to complete job.



Paint the front of the garden room wall where the render/pebble dash has been taken off. We have the paint.



Cut the grass.



Weed and sweep paths.



Clean windows and paintwork front and back of main building.



Weed the flower beds around the playground.



Weed all the edges of playground.



After use please ensure you return all school equipment to where you got it.



Ensure all areas worked on are clear and safe for our children's return to school.

**Thank you to all who have helped with work around the school during passed workdays and it would be lovely to see many more of you at the next one.**