

Gardening Club News

Michael House School

December

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Welcome to the MHS Gardening Club Newsletter!

This month we are very busy getting ready for the advent fair and intend to have a big push to get the grounds looking as good as possible ready for Saturday. This will mainly be raking up leaves, clearing paths so they are not too slippery and tackling the muddy or weedy areas of the playground. We have lots more planned for December so please read on to find out more. There is also an RHS poster in the kitchen area which gives more details about the biodynamic gardening we do here. We also email this newsletter to parents so please let us know if you would like to be included on our mailing list.

We are pleased to say that we have received a donation of 1000 purple crocus bulbs courtesy of the Rotary Club! We also have daffodil and other bulbs still to go in.

Our community work day this month will focus on bulb planting so it will be a nice day for the children to get involved. The bulbs are already sprouting so it reminds us that spring is not really so very far away! It will also be a good chance for you to come and see what's growing in the raised beds and maybe take advantage of our 'adopt a plot' scheme which is open to all families at the school. Read on overleaf for details!



We welcome your ideas and feedback so if you feel there is something relating to the grounds which needs adding then please let us know. Of course we are always looking to recruit new members to gardening club so if you feel you could spare a little time then please come to one of the sessions listed opposite. Please don't feel that if you can't make it to the sessions you can't get involved - even if you could only spare 20 minutes at pick up time that would be wonderful. Just bring your secateurs or weeding gloves and feel free to get stuck in!

A heart felt thank you to all the dedicated parents who do so much for us!

Diary Dates for December



Every Monday & Friday

8.30 - 10.30 come and join us for one of our regular weekly gardening sessions.

Advent Fair

Saturday 3rd December

11am - 4pm

Sunday 11th December

is this month's Community Work Day. Please come along and bring the children to work, play and enjoy the garden! 10.30-12.30

Donations needed

This month we would really appreciate the donation of:

A garden rake.

For more information on anything in the newsletter:

Call Helen on: 07952 660743

**Or Email Tracy at:
tracyinnepal@hotmail.com**

Our wonderful Kindergarden children showing



us how it's done!



The Autumn leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down.

The Autumn leaves are falling down falling down.

We'll take a broom & sweep them up, sweep them up, sweep them up, we'll take a broom and sweep them up into a heap.

Michael House Young Gardeners News



Veggie plot Success!

Well done to Mr. Stephenson's Class 1&2 who evidently did a fantastic job planting their onion sets at Michaelmas as they have all come up and are growing strongly!

Congratulations to Mr. Ball's Class 3 on completing the sowing of their Winter Wheat. The children have worked really hard every Friday afternoon this term with the digging and preparation, while also carefully tending their other plants. They too have red onions growing strongly! Well done!

Adopt a plot & Love your bed!



Would you like the chance to grow fruit, vegetables or cut flowers for your family?

Perhaps you are short of garden space at home or just want to feel more involved in the Michael House Community? This could be the ideal solution – with all the hard work which was done at Michaelmas there were lots of raised beds revealed which had previously been hidden away. Some are very small and some quite large. All we ask is that you garden organically (this means no weed killers or slug pellets) and that you don't grow anything toxic, invasive or illegal! If all that sounds like way too much hard work, there are also circular beds around trees and even a rockery which really just need some TLC to make them truly wonderful again. If you would like to choose a plot now and tell us what you have in mind, it would give us time to get final approval from the school. Then you will be ready to go in spring! Speak to Helen, Adrian or Tracy if you are interested.