

The School Garden

Summer is here!!! Explosive colour in the garden this month, red poppies, yellow marigolds, blue geraniums and pink sweet peas! The challenge this week is to see if we can find all the colours of the rainbow.

At lunchtime children have been square foot gardening - attempting to grow vegetables in a small space. It has been a great success, with carrots, kohlrabi, beetroot, radish, peas and lettuce all growing well.

In Gardening Club we have been making milk carton waterers and seed bombs as well as planting out sweetcorn and pumpkins. Look out for children selling their produce every Wednesday. All proceeds go towards buying chicken food, compost and seeds.

Reception class have a **Wormery**. These clever little worms eat all the veg peelings that the children have been feeding them and in return the worms make wonderful compost that is rich in nutrients and feeds the vegetables that we are growing. Emerald class have also harvested strawberries, garlic and broad beans – delicious!

Our beautiful chickens are back! They are very friendly. Classes have been taking care of the chickens and collecting their eggs, they each lay one egg a day. We have a chicken care rota for weekends so if your family are interested come and tell me – it's very easy and fun and doesn't take up too much time.

- After school Gardening Club Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30pm – for a variety of gardening activities you can do with your child. **£1 per family**

"When I moved to North London from East London in November last year I didn't know many people. I thought I could try gardening club at St Mark's because you can bring your siblings, like my sister Jessie. Then I found out that my best friends Laurie, Patrick and Douglas went as well! I've made lots of other friends and some of them aren't even humans (they are chickens!). We do weeding and digging and you even get to find out some new plant names (like borage). My Mum wasn't that into gardening before, now she loves it. Please try gardening club (on Wednesday)."

Written by Carla Ashbridge (Ruby Class) and Sara Hiorns (Mum)

Competition!!! Design & Make a Fairy/ Miniature garden for the Summer Fair. Prize for the most creative garden (lots of ideas online). Winner announced at the Summer Fair Friday 26th June.

See you in the garden soon, **Caroline**