



Hulme Hall Grammar School

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JLC Newsletter

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Aliens that are Out of this World

It was lovely this week to see the children's creative juices flow as they designed and made aliens from junk modelling to use as a prompt for their imaginative writing. Using recycled and craft materials, they each chose a different style and colour for their aliens—some were monochrome whilst others used every colour of the rainbow! It was a fantastic way to get their imaginations working and they were soon telling us which planet they were from, how they came to earth and how they speak and move!

The word bank that they created before writing their stories helped them immensely to get into their fictional writing and we can't wait to share a few of their stories in the coming weeks!



Outdoor Learning that Benefits the Community

Our JLC children have been giving something back to the local community by weeding and preparing a small patch of soil in Cale Green Park, ready to sow some seeds that will provide an array of colour in the spring.

There are huge benefits to outdoor learning and our JLC children are certainly embracing and learning from their lessons in the park. The gardening is giving them an appreciation and respect for nature and an understanding of how to look after our environment. On another level, it is helping them develop self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem and obviously provides health benefits, both physically and mentally - assisting gross and fine motor skills.



Digging up extra-long roots, sawing branches and leaf clearing saw the children enjoying the fresh air while learning new gardening skills. There was lots of problem solving and collaboration as the children worked and it was lovely to see their connection with nature.

Next week we intend to continue with our planting as a very kind mum from one of last year's JLC children has donated some plants to us. If you have an outdoor plant that needs a new home, please send it in and we will find it a nice, warm sunny spot in the park!

Miss Keddy, JLC Manager

A Positive Response to Negative Numbers

In Maths the children were brilliant at working with negative numbers. They used horizontal number lines to help them solve word problems and were able to read vertical number lines, that included negative numbers, when they looked at changes in temperature. They now know to check the interval on the scale carefully before saying what the temperature shows on a thermometer!

Some word problems involving negative numbers will be sent as homework this week. More Maths homework will be set on My Maths so please make sure you have your login details and that they are working. If you are having problems, don't hesitate to let me know on Monday morning.



Pretty Impressive Pasta

The smell of freshly baked pasta, chilli, peppers and mushrooms floated down the corridor again this week. I hope the children enjoyed making and eating the dish—I know I will be having a go at making this healthy pasta dish myself at some point soon!



A few more pictures as our aliens were brought to life!