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Dear Families,

We are almost at the end of January!

This week, pupils in Years 3 and 4 have been completing their PIXL assessments. Well done to them. Year 5 will be doing their assessments next week.

Year 1 have had further assessments for phonics. The children have worked so hard and we are very impressed with the progress they have made.

Yesterday we submitted our grant application as part of the Nature Grant Award following work with the pupils in year 2 and year 6. Through this project, there are funds available to expand biodiversity on our site. The children used technology to map the various habitats in our school and identify areas where improvements can be made- turning 'grey' to 'green'. The children identified the Learning Garden as the ideal project space, recognising that it is a key central area of our school and has potential to be a wonderful outdoor learning space. Their action plan includes purchasing planters and raised beds to then plant and grow various seasonal flowers, fruits and vegetables. Today we heard that our application has been successful! This is fantastic news! There are a few more steps we need to take before funds are released. We are very excited about this project and how it will help us to bring more natural greenery and habitats to this area of our school. The children have come up with a new name too: Our Growing Place.

We will keep you posted. Well done to our Year 2 and Year 6 children. 🎉

The CEO of our Trust, Mr Oliver Burwood, visited our school on Tuesday morning. It is the first time that he has been to visit us since the launch of our nursery in September. He was delighted to meet our Ducklings' cohort of children and to see the work we have had completed to our school as part of the DFE funded School Base Nursery Grant. He visited all classes across the school and spoke to several children. He enjoyed visiting Red Foxes, sharing some maths learning with the children in Little Terns and finding out all about Makaton Marv!

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

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