

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well? What a busy year it has been for The Grove School.

We have had so much support with our fundraising, we currently have a total of £47,000 and there are further events planned that include a family fun afternoon organised by Kirsti Spowart on the 9 July from 6pm to 9pm. This event will include fun games, food vans and stalls in the school hall. There are also people running the Great North Run in support of the fundraising and many other events. We are so grateful to you all for your support with this.

We are awaiting the arrival of our 7 seater, VW Sharan and have applied to the Variety Club for a 13 seat wheelchair accessible vehicle. I will let you know if we are successful with this grant application. The new vehicles will help us get out and about in the community.

We have plans to continue our up keep of the school building, with a new roof on 6a, some new fencing and fascia boards. We are replacing the old oil boiler with new gas boilers over the summer. We will also be using the money donated by Jack Crowe, Borders competitions to refurbish the soft play room and add a hoist to this room.

Miss Waugh and I are currently planning classes and staffing for September. When we have finalised the plans, we will let you know if your child is moving class and where staff will be based for next year. We are pleased that we have now offered Miss Lindsay a full-time permanent post.

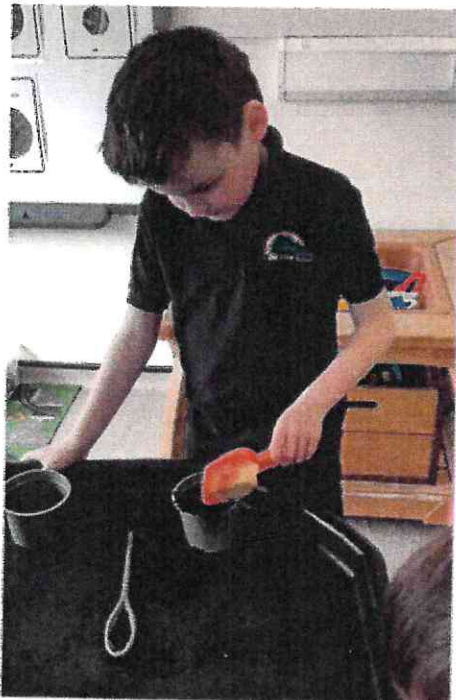
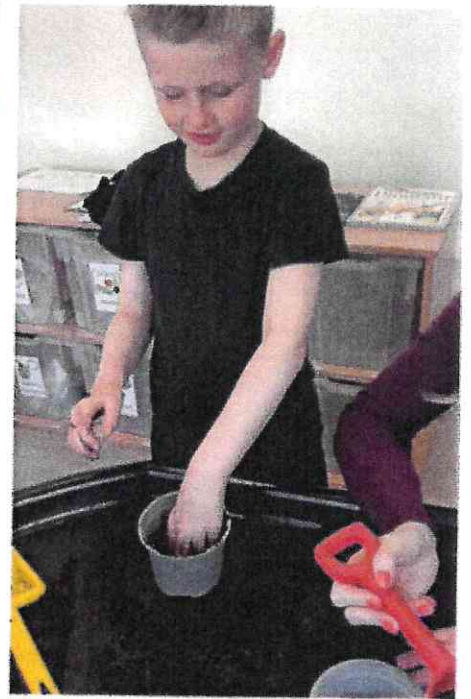
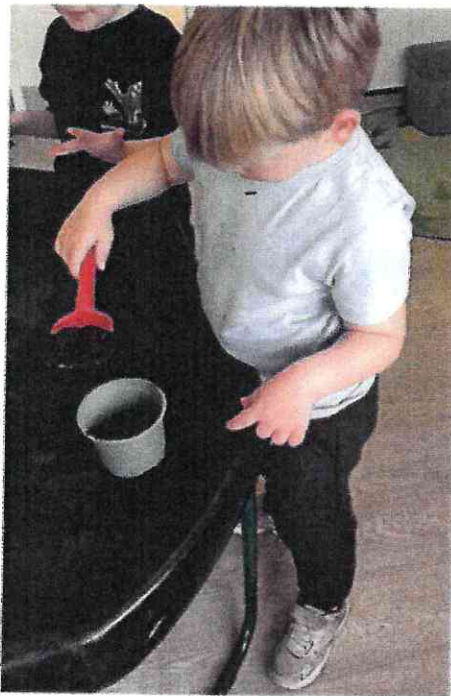
We are also pleased to be supporting Miss Scott, Miss Blyth, Mrs Hastie and Mrs Antcliff through their Level Five Teaching Specialist Teaching Assistant course, this is an exciting development for school and is all about retaining and developing our staff. Miss James is nearing the end of her first year of her Early Careers teacher course, she will complete her second-year next year. Our school is moving forward into a new era, there are lots of changes ahead and I will keep you posted on what these are, most of them are coming through the governments SEND reform, Children's Bill and White paper. I will ensure that the school keeps abreast of the changes, remains 'Outstanding' and continues to be the happy, wonderful place that it is.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries

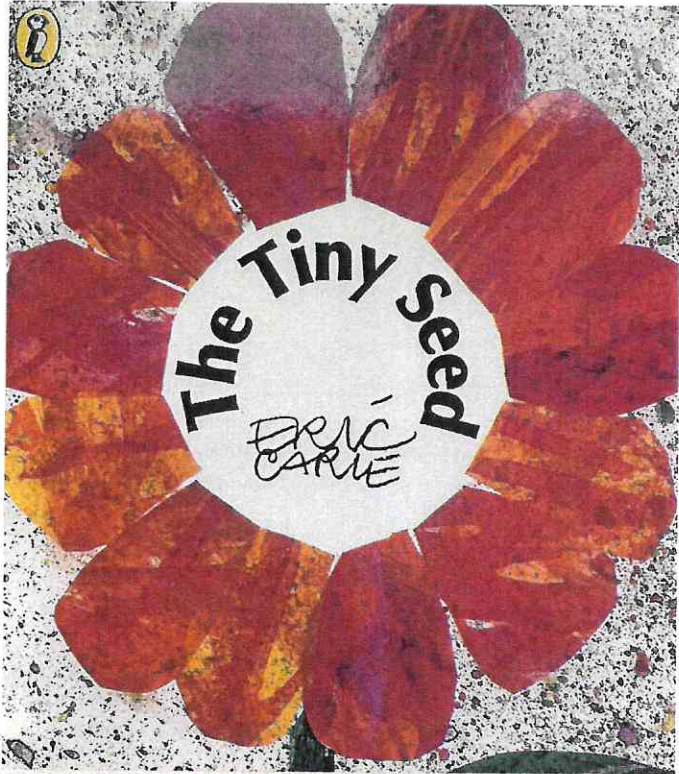
This Term Willow Class have been finding out about Spring flowers and they made a beautiful art installation.



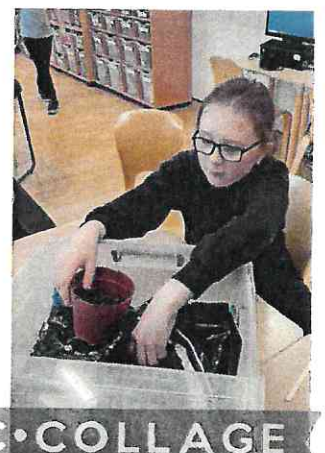


Elm class have had lots of fun planting sunflowers and watching them grow 🌻



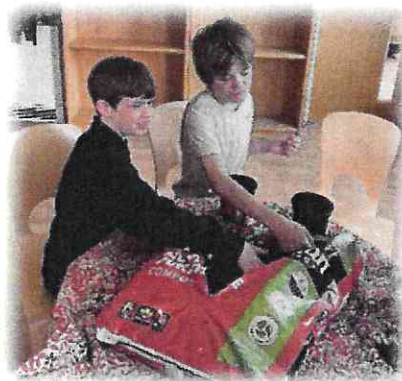


Beech Class are enjoying gardening this term. After reading 'The Tiny Seed' book, which follows a sunflower seed through a life cycle, the children were inspired to plant their own sunflower seeds. Their plants are currently growing in our class garden.



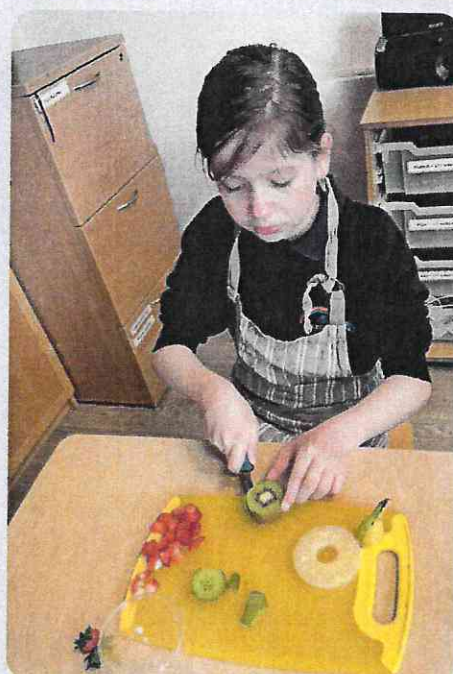
Sycamore Class - Caring and Helping

The Sycamore boys have been participating in helpful and caring activities. They helped to make a poem poster to say thank you to Mrs Fairington for everything she has done to help us over the years. The boys have also helped with shopping, gardening, litter picking and making Easter crafts and treats to take home to share with their families. We are learning that being kind, caring and helpful makes everyone feel good!





Oak class have been enjoying exploring our local environment and businesses, conducting experiments, learning about where we live, using money in different contexts and cooking healthy meals and snacks.





SUMMER TERM 2026 - CHERRY CLASS

We recently participated in a 'world of work' learning walk at the Hirsel in Coldstream. Sally talked to us about all the different types of jobs on the Hirsel Estate and took us to meet some of the workers. Joe the cleaner, Scot a groundsman, Craig the gamekeeper and Alan the herdsman all spoke to us about the equipment they use, training they need and the tasks they do in their jobs. We are hoping to participate in some work experience with Scot and Craig in the near future.

