



Mulberries

Mulberry have made these beautiful flowers by recycling and painting old plastic bottles:



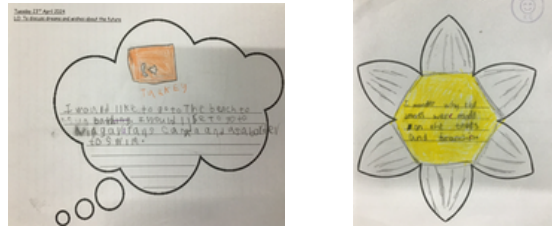
Year 3 and 4

The Last Garden is a beautiful and moving picture book that Year 3 and 4 have used as the basis of their English work this week. They have written descriptions about their own ideal, dream gardens.



Year 1 and 2

Children in KS1 have been busy with their writing this week. This is Edith and Hector's writing about which countries or places they would like to visit and why and writing in Ellen's writing in RE about the Hindu Creation Story:



Year 5 and 6

Willow has painted this beautiful view of a scene in Coggeshall. She has entered it into a local competition - fingers crossed!



Trips out and about...

Year 3 and 4 had an excellent time on their trip to Abberton Reservoir this week, despite the occasional heavy downpour! They found out lots of scientific information and enjoyed exploring the area together. Here you can see some pictures Mr Brennen took:



Screen Time



Research by the media and communications regulator Ofcom found that 99% of households with children have access to the internet, and that by the age of eight a child will typically spend 2 hour and 45 minutes online per day. It rises to over four hours by age 11-12, while a child is still in primary school. With this in mind, it is often a challenge to navigate our children through this and managing screen time can be difficult. Internet Matters have some useful tips for parents and is well balanced:

Younger children - <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-5-7-year-olds/>
Older children (KS2) - <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-7-11-year-olds/>

I have also attached a *Top Tips for Managing Screen Time* parent guide.

FOSP News



We've already had a busy start to the term, with the Spare Change Challenge and the final disco of the year. We're going into the final leg of the year in a fantastic place, but with around £5,000 still to raise.

Non-uniform day – 10th May

Our next fundraiser is a non-uniform day on 10th May. This is a standard non-uniform day - children can wear whatever they like, as long as it is appropriate for school! Whether it is a football kit, sparkly t-shirt or simply their favourite outfit, they can wear it in exchange for a £2 donation. We will have helpers at the gates to take the money, to save the teachers having to spend class time collecting it.

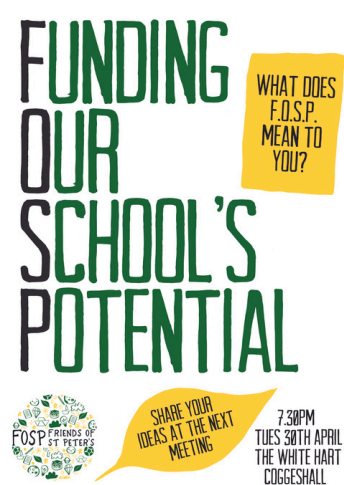
Inflatables Day – 19th May

The incredibly popular Inflatables Day is back! Running on Sunday 19th May, you can now buy tickets, just head to our website for the link, <https://fospschool.co.uk/fosp-events>. We are looking for match funding for this event - if you work for a company (or even own a company) that offers match funding, please get in touch with pta@fospschool.co.uk. Having match funding at Fireworks Night helped us to raise an additional £2k. If we could do this again at Inflatables Day, it could make a huge difference to the school! We will also shortly be advertising volunteer slots for the day. Please keep an eye out for the link to sign up - the day can only run with helpers setting up, selling drinks and food, and doing so much more to make it a smooth event.

Scarecrow Trail – 25th May – 2nd June

It's time to sign up for the annual half term Scarecrow Trail - if you would like to display a scarecrow and feature on the map, the theme this year is characters from children's books. Please contact coggeshallscarecrowtrail@outlook.com to be included in the trail. Don't forget, the creators of the best scarecrow and the best children's book character will win a prize!

Finally, our next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm in the restaurant section of the White Hart. Our agenda is on our website and everyone is welcome to join the meeting with no pressure at all to speak or volunteer. You can simply come along, hear about what we are up to and have a drink at the same time: <https://fospschool.co.uk/agendas-minutes/>



Thank you!



Members of FOSP have kindly donated a large bell tent which has been erected (by volunteers!) at the bottom of our school field. We are excited about using this as a calm, wellbeing space with the children. Mulberry class have already spent some there and thoroughly enjoyed the natural space.

School dates

newly added items or any changes are highlighted in yellow

May	
10th	FOSP Non School Uniform Day
10th 9.00am	Parent Forum
13th - 16th	Year 6 SATS
19th	FOSP Inflatables Day
22nd	French Day
23rd	Sports Day - details to follow
24th	Non-pupil day
25th - 2nd	FOSP Scarecrow Trail
27th - 31st	HALF TERM
June	
3rd - 7th	FOSP Fathers' Day Stall
4th	Class photos
12th	Mersea Beach Trip - Mulberry Class
14th - 2.45pm	Mulberry class assembly

