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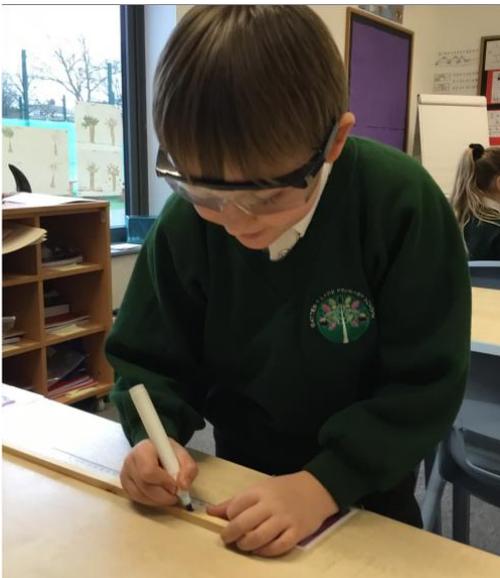
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Outdoor Learning at Gatten and Lake



Outdoor learning is really important to us at Gatten and Lake. We have lots and lots of outdoor space and use this to our advantage. We have had planting projects, using the outdoors and greenhouse, as well as bird watching using binoculars. We're trying to spot the woodpecker that is in the tree at the front of the school – we can hear it, but not see it.

We have also been using the skills we learn in the classroom to take part in wider projects. At the moment, Mrs Jenkins and her teams are taking part in 'The Bug Building Competition'. The challenge they have, is to design an insect hotel. The children here have taken this one step further and have not only designed it, but also sourced offcuts of wood from Travis Perkins, by writing to them, which they have used to build the insect hotels. The plan is to put this down in the orchard / wildlife area... to help with the

classification and insect spotting tasks.

If anyone is interested in taking part at home too... please feel free... design an insect hotel and send it through to me at admin@gattenlakepri.iow.sch.uk and we can submit these too... or even make one and send through a photograph. I know that some children have already been helping with building projects at home. Please remember to speak to an adult at home before touching any wood or tools!!



Free School Meals

If you are affected in any way by the pandemic and your financial position has changed, please do ensure you apply to the IOW Council can support with Free School Meals.

Please complete the form by following the link here: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/iwforms/form.aspx?k=freesm>

If your application is successful, they will inform you and the school.

Currently, if your child is in receipt of the Free School Meals funding, then hampers are available to order, like the one here, please call the school office.



Winter Grant Scheme

If you find you are struggling financially in these very challenging times, there are services available for advice and support, who can provide direct financial support and/or sign post you to the most suitable service.

Citizens Advice are an excellent free service who are there to support they have access to fuel vouchers etc and excellent up to date advice. You can call them direct on 0800 44 8848 free of charge. You can visit their website where you will find information and a webchat if you would prefer to contact in this way.

<https://www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk/>

Another service that is able to give advice are The Footprint Trust. They are particularly expert in advising on ways to conserve the heat in your home. <https://footprint-trust.co.uk/>

The organisations above work very much in partnership and below are contact details for a service able to direct you to the most suitable help and support for you.

01983 823859 or email helpthroughcrisis@iwcab.org.uk.

Please remember we are here for you... each and every one of you... if we can help in any way at all... we are here for you. Please just drop us an email or give us a call... we can even set up a virtual meeting with you so we can discuss face to face virtually.

Despite the weather forecast for the weekend... I hope you all enjoy some relaxation time. If you do have to pop out please remember the following...

Have a lovely weekend. Take care, keep safe...

Rebecca Day - Headteacher

