



NEWSLETTER

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Lighthouse Club Garden

Although currently looking like a witch's bad hair day, we returned in September to the wonderful sight of our Lighthouse Club garden bursting with life and colour.

Nestled amongst the beauty of our blooming wildflowers, where four stunning pumpkins. They were a joy to all that travelled by and added a touch of magic to our fairy garden.

Another lovely surprise for the children, was a surviving sunflower. We watched in awe and anticipation as it grew to a height of over 6 foot, battling the elements and greedy gazes of squirrels to produce an impressively large sunflower head.

Having harvested the seeds from the head, we will be providing a seed to every child next year so they can grow their own Lighthouse Club inspired sunflower.

The wildflowers are currently enjoying the twilight of their life-cycles and are reseeded. Our garden will receive some well-deserved TLC during planting season.

A special thank you to the person that hilariously hid a toy crocodile amongst the wildflowers. Fantastically timed to coincide with a reptile visit in F2, I didn't realise I could jump that high! He is now fondly a permanent feature.



Big Soup Share

Inspired by our magnificent pumpkins, the largest weighing 21lb's, we signed up to a lovely campaign promoting harvest and community called 'The Big Soup Share'. It encourages children to use the crops they've grown to make a soup to share with others.

Morrison's, New Brighton, provided amazing community support by donating £15.00 worth of additional ingredients for our soup, and a kind donation of windfall baking apples from Mrs Stowell, allowed the club children to make delicious apple pies for the event.

Our 'Big Soup Share' took place on Friday 12th October. We shared club grown pumpkin soup and club made apple pies with the children and school staff. The event was a success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A fitting tribute to our Pumpkins.



Spooktacular Fun

As part of our Halloween celebrations, we made pumpkin and witch lanterns. The children also had the opportunity to scoop out pumpkins and carve them out for display in our garden.



Robot Manufacture

Our F2/KS1 children displayed some extraordinary robot making skills during a competition in the school hall. Using only recycled materials, three teams competed to build the most awesome robot. In the end, the robots were so superbly made that it was a unanimous draw. Well done!



Remembrance Day

To mark the centenary of the Armistice in 1918, we made poppy inspired crafts and paintings. We were impressed with the respect and consideration the children showed during these activities.



PTA Support

To support our hardworking PTA, we made intricate snowflakes for the school disco and festive thank you cards.



Season's Greetings

From all the Lighthouse Club Staff, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to more fun crafts and activities in the New Year.

Many thanks, Kim Murphy (Lighthouse Club Manager)
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Festive Pompoms

Following a generous donation of wool, club staff worked tirelessly researching the fundamentals of Pompom anatomy to help the children make an impressive array of woolly Christmas characters.

Making Robins to Christmas puds, the children created a festive treat of Pompoms. A clear favourite was the Sprout King, enjoying a short lived moment of popularity before being snuck into napkins, sneakily passed to pets or hidden in pockets during Christmas Dinner.



Christmas Crafts

The children have enjoyed a brilliant variety of fun and festive Christmas crafts and activities as they anticipate the arrival of the man in the big red suit.

From fluffy snowball fights to reindeer hoopla, Christmas karaoke to designing their own Christmas Tin Can Alley, the children have had a (snow) ball of a time in the run up to the Christmas break.

A big thank you to club staff for making this such a special time for the children.

