

Pinetree Time Capsule

Like many schools up and down the country, despite the national crisis, our school continues to offer education to those pupils who are in need of support during this time. Unlike most years however, this year the school also opened its doors to pupils over Easter.

But, rather than eating chocolate eggs, the staff were providing a vital provision for pupils. The students were engaged in a timetable consisting of Joe Wicks exercise in the morning, the staff joined in moving around the school kitchen. Pupils have been improving the landscape of the school. Lots of work has been done improving the school outside areas. The students helped make the school look better by tidying the pathways, picking litter and emptying the outside bins. We also planted potatoes that had already started chitting and onions that needed planting. We filled the new beds in the new garden by using the compost and debris from the pathways.

This has since carried on following our return after Easter. Pupils have been taking advantage of the nice weather to start moving our old garden into its new location ready for September. Pupils have been removing pallets, transferring strawberries and creating flower beds using existing dirt in the garden. It has been great to see pupils getting involved and taking ownership over their school grounds. Students have been engaged in clearing the existing school garden to reform the new garden by weeding and moving the compost from previous compost heaps to the new beds. The students overall have been saying what they would like to happen and grow in the garden, which is always encouraging to hear.

Pupils have reported that they are proud of the work they have done and have enjoyed helping revamp the garden. Hopefully the weather will remain fine and students will continue to make improvements to the garden.



Away from the garden The Pinetree school are taking part in a local community initiative of creating a time capsule. The aim is that we bury our capsule which focuses on Covid-19 for it to be relived years later by other students.

Additions to the capsule so far includes artwork from pupils on their overall thoughts and feelings so far and a T shirt design around the virus. Pupils have drafted and planned their design and drawn and coloured them in. They are either a representation of something from 2020 or the coronavirus pandemic.

Other planned work over the coming weeks include making the time capsule itself, a song written and sung about the pandemic and diary entries.

