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To all Parents/Carers,

11/5/18

Another busy week at Markeaton and it's been great to see the children in the Outdoor Classroom and Forest School areas. Take a look at some of our Y1 children making bug hotels!

Since we were successful with our Lottery bid in 2016 (which funded both of these outdoor areas) we have been exploring other revenue streams/bids that we could possibly apply for. As you can imagine, things like this take time and you have to make sure that the time we invest is well spent – especially as schools operate at such a fast pace!

Having said all that, a number of meetings have taken place over the last few weeks, most notably with the University,

about how local organisations/businesses/communities can work together to secure similar types of funding. There is no question that the money is out there, you just have to go for it! At the moment it is just an idea in principle, but we have often talked about the potential for a 'community space' (see picture on the left and try to imagine it as a fully furnished room). From talking to parents/carers over the last few years there seems to be a real need for something like this; a space which could provide a number of different opportunities for local residents and the local community. Like I said, it's just an idea at the moment but we would really like to consult the community on this and get your input on what this space could be used for. There will be an 'ideas station' located near this area at the Summer Fair and one of our parents has kindly volunteered to collate all your responses and maybe have a bit of a chat about its potential. It's early days but we like to think big and an idea such as this needs a community voice – so come to the fair on 9th June with plenty to say!



And finally, next week the children in Y6 will be sitting their SATs tests in Reading, Maths and Spelling/Punctuation/Grammar. They have all worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them. Their only bit of homework for the weekend, try not to think about the SATs and have lots of fun!

Have a good weekend (and please bring in some tuck for our tuck shop if you have the chance! Thank you!!)

Mr I. Johnson

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