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To all Parents/Carers,

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A great tweet from Y4 this week (see right). Yesterday they were out in the forest school area being inspired by the environment and using their senses to help them create imaginative fairytale settings. Our forest school area continues to be a regular theme at Markeaton and it's nice to see writing buddies up with the great outdoors! I look forward to seeing the results!

Whilst on the subject of the outdoors, next week we have signed up for the 'Big Pedal' – another huge school initiative being launched to encourage more children to cycle, scoot or walk to school. Each class has been given a wallchart and they will be asking every day how their class has got to school. A letter has been attached to the weekly word parentmail with more details so take a look! There are big prizes up for grabs and a running totaliser for the country!



In other news, the results came in for the Tesco votes and we came third – guaranteeing the school £1000 to spend on outdoor playground equipment. It's not as much as we had hoped for but it will still go a long way to developing the space near Bromley House. Watch this space for further details. And again, on the theme of all things outdoor, we continue to do our bit to save the environment via our growing recycling initiatives! We are now a recognised recycling point for crisp packets (thank you for all those that have come in – we're now shipping them off and starting again), Pringles Tubes and beauty product packaging. The beauty product packaging is very specific so please refer to a parentmail sent out earlier in the week – plus the winning school for this will receive a £10,000 playground made from recycled products! All of these items are currently being collected in the office entrance but there will come a point where we will need to move the operation outside!

And finally, two things, a polite request regarding lining up in the morning (particularly the Juniors Y3 – Y6). Please can I ask that you allow your child to line up when you arrive and then stand behind the line towards the PE Shed. When the whistle goes there are still quite a lot of parents in the line and it does make it quite difficult to keep them straight and orderly – plus you wouldn't want to find yourself coming into school and being part of a lesson!!! The other thing, just a reminder that the school will be closed on the 12th April for INSET.

Have a good weekend

Mr I. Johnson