



Southville News

Happy Friday!

Lovely feedback... I am incredibly proud of our school and of all the adults and children who make up the Southville family. However, it is always nice to have feedback from people who notice what we are about and take the time to comment. We have had two such messages this week.

On Tuesday a passer-by took the time to drop in a handwritten note about the eco art installation we created at Merrywood for the Arts Trail in September.

The note said:

Dear children and staff at Southville Primary School.

I wanted to thank you all for creating your wonderful HEDGE! I walk by every day and each day it makes me feel really happy. The hedge has survived really hot weather, lashing rain, blustery winds and recently freezing cold temperatures...and it looks just as good as when you first put it in place. CONGRATULATIONS!

Also on Tuesday, a member of the public approached Mrs Hayes during the year 3 trip. He took the time to comment on our children's clear love of learning, how engaged they were and listening carefully to the staff and how aware and considerate they were of the members of the public around them.

Both of these messages made my week and I know you will feel equally as proud.

Mrs Khalif... After bringing joy and care to our school family for 17 years, I am really sad to let you know that Mrs Khalif will be leaving us at the end of this term. Christine is loved by the children and her colleagues alike and she is going to be greatly missed by us all. She is leaving to spend more time with family overseas and to continue to develop other professional interests. We still have a couple of weeks with her and I know you will join me in wishing her lots of love and luck when the time comes for her to go.

Le Crêpe Café... Last Friday KS2 children celebrated the visit of our French teaching assistant by turning the hall into a French Crêperie. With the help of fabulous parent helpers lots of French was spoken and delicious pancakes were eaten made by Mrs Matthias and Julie Picot, the French Assistant. KS2 and Y2 children also learnt about France and spoke French with Madame Picot. Thank you to Madame Turvey for co-ordinating this 'événement fantastique'!



Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

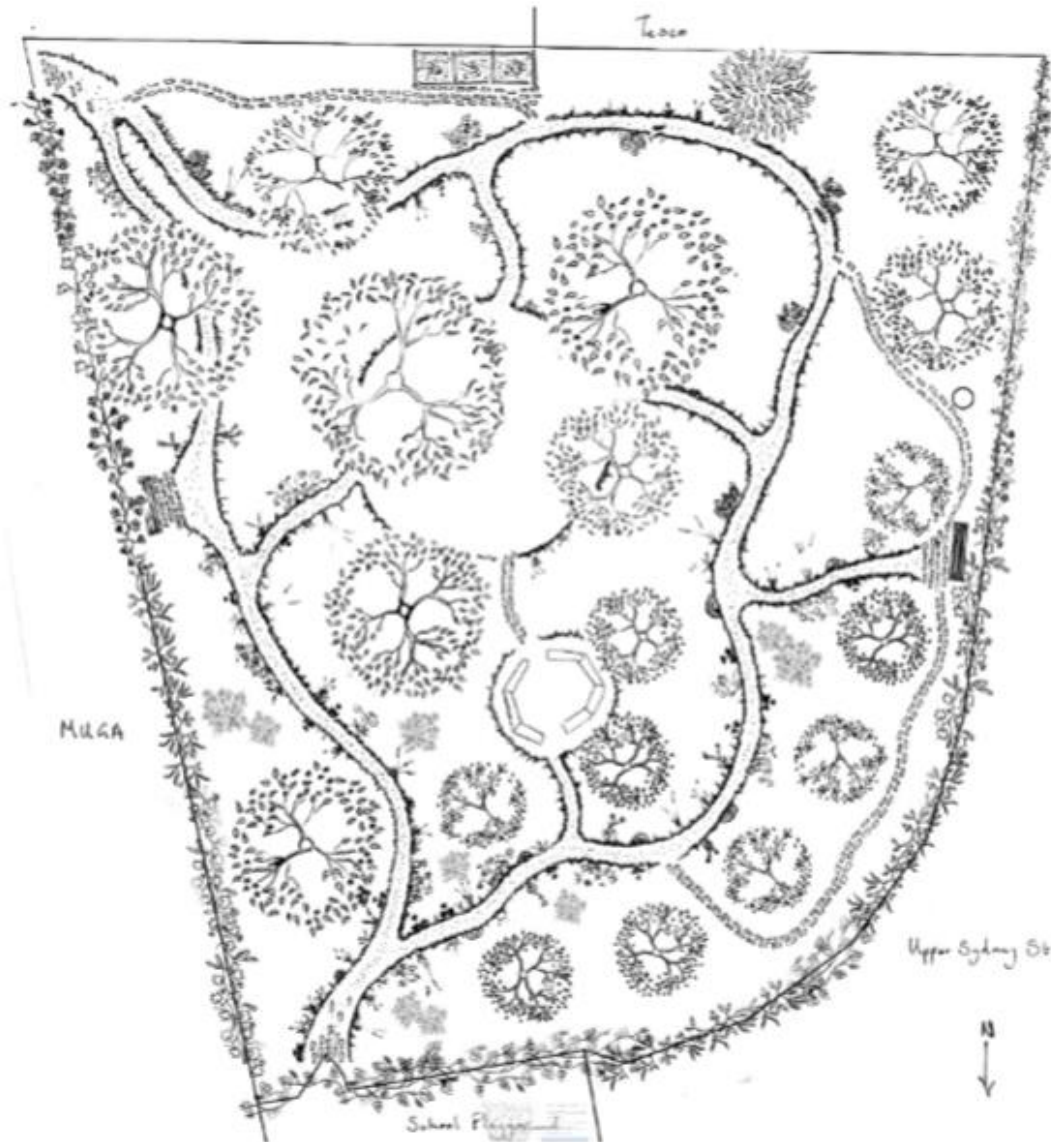
Now here is some more whole school news...

National Storytelling Week - 30th January... To celebrate National Storytelling Week, on Monday years 1 - 6 will be partnering up with a class from a different year group to read with each other and share some of the stories they've written this year. Year 5 and 6 will be visiting year 1 and 2 at Merrywood for the afternoon, whilst year 3 and 4 get together at Myrtle.

Bedminster Library are also reminding local families to visit them (Bedminster Parade, next to Asda). It is free for children to sign up to borrow books, with no fees for overdue books. It can also be used as a warm place after school or on a Saturday to just enjoy the books without borrowing them.

OPAL... Developments for the Orchard space at Myrtle

This morning Mr Potter, Mrs Flaecher (School business manager) met with Sophie and Rachel, both parents, to discuss the future of our orchard space.



Rachel has produced a fantastic picture (above) for our vision of what we are going to work to achieve within this space for all our children.

Currently we are putting together a project plan to include a timeline.

How can you get involved?

Short term

- We will need help in constructing pallet compost bins
- We will need people power to dig out the pathways and lay the aggregate
- Seed donations and seed growing at home ready for planting

Long term

- Planting
- Construction of seating areas
- Raking over of grassed area and planting meadow seeds
- Seed donations and seed growing at home ready for planting

A Message from our Preschool and Reception Team...

Southville EYFS needs your help

Are you having a post-Christmas clear out?

Our Reception and Nursery class are looking to replenish our toy stocks and would be so grateful for good quality donations of any of the following...

Toy Dinosaurs and animals

Trucks and vehicles (Ideally brand 'Green Toys')

Little people

Dolls clothes

Wooden dolls house furniture

Toy cars (match box style)

Dolls prams

Sylvanian families

Pirate ship

Outdoor 'all weather suits' age 4

Factual books

Books with numbers and counting

Space related toys

Baskets

Water and sand toys

If you have items that you are happy to donate to us, please drop them off to the Merrywood Office. We can assure we'll give those toys a good home where they'll get lots of love and use!