

## News from Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School

We have had a very busy and exciting term at Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School...

Our forest school is now up and running with children in Saplings Class enjoying 'Wild Wednesdays' each week and sessions also being offered to some of our older children.

Our spiritual garden is now really starting to take shape. Mr Drew and Mr Walker, two of our Governors, have finished fencing the area and have added gates originally made for the school on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have received lots of donations from our families to enhance the area, including flowers and ornaments for which we are very thankful. Whilst there is still some more to do, it is already proving to be a well-loved area.

We were thrilled to gain the Music Mark School Award in recognition of the value and commitment that the school places upon music, both academically and socially. The children in Oak Class have enjoyed taking up the cornet this term with specialist teacher Mr Tabor from Suffolk Music Services.

A few of our pupils from Year 5 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge, held at Thomas Gainsborough Secondary School. The team faced eight different rounds of maths problems over three days. We were delighted that two of our children were on the winning team! We have introduced the 'Zones of Regulation' at SBN, which is a PSHE scheme designed to help children understand and regulate their emotions and behaviour. Parents were welcomed to an assembly all about it and then completed a range of activities with their children.

This term science has driven the curriculum across the school and the children have learned lots about the solar system, the sun, the planets and the moon. The children loved having a visit from a mobile planetarium, which helped further their knowledge and understanding.

As part of Sport Relief this year, we re-launched the daily mile so all children across the school are now involved. Parents were invited to attend and join in too!



We hope that everyone keeps safe and well during these uncertain times, and that in our summer update, everything will be back to normal.

Sarah Smith - Headteacher