

NEWSFLASH . . . LEVEL 5 ACHIEVED!

On Tuesday, 20 November 2012, Alison Findlay (RHS Advisor for the East of England) presented our School with a framed certificate, a wood mounted plaque and 2 Fruit Trees in recognition of our recent achievement of **Level 5 of the RHS Campaign for School Gardening Benchmarking Scheme**. This is the highest award in the scheme and the most difficult to get (we are the only Infant School in Norfolk to have achieved it) and follows the award of Level 1 in November 2008, Level 2 in January 2009, Level 3 in July 2009 and Level 4 in June 2011. None of these Levels could have been achieved without the support of the whole School Community who have embraced all aspects of gardening and use the School Garden as a valuable extension to the Outdoor Learning Environment.

As you can see from the photographs below, Alison arrived in time to help with our weekly Gardening Club Session where the children planted Broad Beans in pots to overwinter in our Greenhouse. Alison then ran small Workshops throughout the afternoon with groups of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Children. Reception planted Daffodil Bulbs in the wooden planters outside the Pavilion, Year 1 planted miniature Daffodil Bulbs and Violas in baskets to hang around our School Grounds and Year 2 mulched the existing Fruit Trees and helped plant 2 new trees in our Orchard - a Cherry Tree in the centre of our Daffodil Spiral and a Norfolk Heritage 'Golden Noble' Dessert Apple Tree just to the right of the Orchard Entrance Archway:



Planting Broad Beans with Gardening Club



Planting Bulbs with Reception



Planting Up Hanging Baskets with Year 1



Mulching and . . .



. . . Planting Fruit Trees with Year 2



Our new Cherry Tree



Presentation by Alison Findlay (RHS) in the Orchard with Mrs Karen Gay (Headteacher), Mrs Suzi Senior and Mrs Claire Bryant (Gardening Team), Mr Lynn (Caretaker) and Year 2 Gardening Club and Workshop Members.



Gardening Club takes place every Tuesday Lunchtime - 1230 to 1pm in the School Garden.

Autumn Term – Year 2 only, Spring and Summer Terms – Years 1 and 2 ☺