



**If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden**  
*Frances Hodgson Burnett, The Secret Garden*

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### Green Fingered Green Class

Green Class have worked so hard to help improve the biodiversity and look of the playground areas close to their classroom. They made their own designs, wrote to Mrs Malcolm and Mrs Legge to ask for permission and funding, brought in plants and items from home, wrote to companies to ask for donations of seeds and tires, and recycled and decorated plant containers. They have nurtured their seeds and young plants, and now have the most beautiful garden of their own to maintain. WELL DONE Year 3, we are all very proud of you and very grateful for your hard work.



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**If you could make one choice for the whole world, what choice would you make?**

#### Winning answer from Henry in Foundation Stage

*There could be less volcanoes, when they erupt lots of people get hurt, it would be much better if people could be safe*

#### Winning answer by Betsie in Year 2

*I would make one person smile so they can make another person smile*

#### Winning answer by Ollie in Year 3

*My choice would be to include everyone and make everyone feel important*

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**CELEBRATING EACH OTHER, AND THE JOURNEY WE ARE ON**

## Social Media Anonymous Messaging

Parents of children in secondary school have shared concerns they have with anonymous social media messaging tools, such as YOLO. In our experience, once an app hits children in secondary schools, it can start to reach primary aged children very soon.

YOLO is a free social networking app that works in conjunction with popular apps, Snapchat and Bitmoji. The app allows users to send pre-generated questions through Snapchat and receive anonymous responses. There are about forty question options to choose from, including, "Send new music to listen to," "Would you date me?" and "What's my best feature?" The app's inbox keeps a record of questions posed to Snapchat members and responses. YOLO also includes a chat feature where users can start private conversations or group chats. This feature requires users to link Bitmoji. Beyond a statement that YOLO is for positive and respectful feedback and simple block and report tools, the app has no safety measures built in.

We have heard some worrying accounts of the app being used to anonymously harass children, and wanted to draw your attention to it.

Information on this and various other popular apps and games can be found on:

[esafetytraining.org](https://www.esafetytraining.org).

Of course if you have any worries or would like to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to let us know. Thank you.

## Change to Non Pupil Date

For those families looking to arrange a break this year, we know it is proving very difficult. With that in mind we have decided to move the non-pupil day originally scheduled for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November to **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, to extend the October half term break by a day. We hope this allows you a little more wriggle room when planning your week!

Term dates for the next two academic years can be found on our website:

[www.st-lawrence-pri.essex.sch.uk](http://www.st-lawrence-pri.essex.sch.uk)

## Headteacher Awards

David, Max, and Evie in Year 2;  
Lily T, Kianna and Sky in Year 3

## A Debate

This week Year 6 held a debate as to whether we should re-cycle or not. The class was split into six teams and had to debate whether we were pro re-cycling or anti re-cycling, many on a side they didn't necessarily agree with. It was a fantastic way to work on their debate skills, understand elements of the subject they hadn't necessarily considered, and negotiate through differing points of view.



## Mindful Moments in Year 2

Today Year 2 completed their first class Agents of Change project together this week... BE STILL.

They have spent this term learning about mindfulness, and enjoyed a number of wonderful projects to earn a star on their clouds of MINDFUL MOMENTS.

They shared kind and thoughtful words about each other, were kind to themselves, and spent time noticing the small things.

