

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S EVENTS

### Our September event

Young people learned how to mosaic like the Romans and enjoyed embellishing terracotta pots for their very own plant from the nursery, with tiles generously donated by Topps Tiles

Young people took part in a workshop on seed planting and learned how they could grow their own vegetables at home and about plant aftercare with the staff at Cherry Tree. Children from Linwood School also took part in the day and created little cress people whose cress hair eventually made a tasty addition to their sandwiches!

### Our forthcoming September 18 event

We hope you can join us on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010, when Cherry Tree is inviting young people and their families to find out if stories do really help plants to grow! The RHS seem to think so, after playing recordings of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer's Night Dream* to tomato plants which grew up to 2 inches taller than the other plants!

Pot your own plant, bring along a passage from your favourite story or poem to read to it or delve into our books on the day. Everyone will be invited to decorate passages from these stories and poems for display on a trail of plants through the nursery for all to enjoy!

Local storyteller Pippa Brindley will also be joining us on the day for tales of 'the not-quite-so Enormous Turnip'.

### Permaculture at Pokesdown

Pokesdown Primary School students are greening their school grounds and Cherry Tree made a number of visits throughout March and April to help them to create growing spaces. The students learnt about the web of all life and how permaculture could help them to create productive spaces that benefit the community and local wildlife, through planting activities, environmental games and building their own bug boxes. Cherry Tree also donated plants which the children enjoyed planting during after school science club.

### Our Easter event

With the nursery in full springtime bloom, young people were able to draw inspiration from the flowers we grow to create their own recycled colourful flowers. Children of all ages had a go at working with a living medium and made their own willow Easter basket during our workshop with local willow weaver, Paul Windwood.

### Schools projects

We have been overwhelmed by the support of young people following their visit to the Nursery. Year 10 students at Corfe Hills Secondary School in Corfe Mullen generously chose to support Cherry Tree during their annual fund-raising event, by completing a mammoth 21 mile sponsored walk, raising over £800.

Schools have continued to visit the nursery this year for on-site planting activities and to learn about the important work that we do at Cherry Tree. We would like to thank Muscliffe Primary School and Linwood School for their part in strengthening this partnership, bringing more and more students to the nursery each year.