

Grand Gestures at Preshute Primary School

Welcome to the Preshute Primary School Grand Gestures team, headed by Preshute volunteer and grandmother, Sue Elks.

The Grand Gestures team, comprising an ever-expanding group of enthusiastic, resourceful and community-minded grandparents, parents, local residents, staff and governors, has been out and about giving Preshute Primary School in Manton a well-deserved spring clean.

So far, they have swept and cleaned and painted, tidied displays, replenished flower beds and, most recently, given the Reception classroom and play area an early spring clean. No job is too big or too small.

And the children are also getting on board. Last weekend saw some of the youngest pupils and siblings out in the fresh air, diligently scrubbing tables and chairs in the Reception play area, shoulder to shoulder alongside their parents and grandparents. There have also been an increasing number of requests from pupils wanting to (quite literally) get in to tidy up the school pond!

The enthusiasm of the Grand Gestures team knows no bounds. They are planning “working bees” for the next few weekends, with more and more families coming on board to offer their time and DIY expertise.

As the PPSA school liaison, Trudi Granger, has commented: “The community-spirit which is generated and reinforced by the Grand Gestures team, together with the work of Preshute Primary School Association, cannot be underestimated. It is lovely to see the children getting involved, working side by side with parents, grandparents and members of the local community.”

The PPSA recently won an AVIVA award which will enable pupils across all year groups to enjoy hands on drumming sessions and a Welsh Brass Band assembly at Preshute. They also recently held a very successful jumble sale in conjunction with the “Manton Ladies” (volunteers from the local community who unfailingly roll up their sleeves every year for this fundraising event). Some of the funds raised are being used to replenish supplies in Reception, for new netball posts and a new interactive white board for Year 3. The PPSA is also looking to fund a First Aid event for Preshute pupils later in the year.

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Team Spirit: parents, grandparents, pupils, staff, governors and local volunteers – part of the Grand Gestures team at Preshute Primary School





