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Fruit Orchard

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following our recent communications regarding the passing of our much-loved Hector, we would like to share the next step in remembering and celebrating his life within our school community. After much reflection, we feel a fitting tribute would be to establish a **fruit orchard** in the Glebe Field. This will create a lasting legacy that reflects the joy, comfort and companionship Hector brought to generations of children, families and staff for nearly 10 years.

More than simply a memorial, the orchard will be a resource for our whole community. As the trees grow, children will have opportunities to learn about nature, sustainability and food production through their curriculum. We also hope the fruit can be enjoyed by the wider community and used in school cooking activities, reflecting Rita and Andrew's shared love of gardening and baking. As we consider this project, we are reminded of the words:

"They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in season."

Psalms 1:3

Just as a tree continues to provide fruit and benefit others for many years, we hope this orchard will continue Hector's legacy by bringing learning, enjoyment and togetherness to future generations. We anticipate planting taking place during the spring, and we would be grateful for any support from our school community. Should you wish to contribute towards the orchard, donations can be made via the school office and will be used to support the purchase, planting and establishment of the fruit trees.

We would also welcome any assistance with sourcing trees, growing stock, preparing the site or helping with the planting itself. If you have relevant expertise, contacts or resources that may help bring this project to life, please do get in touch. Thank you for your continued kindness, generosity and support. We look forward to creating something truly special together in memory of a very special member of our school family.

With every blessing,

Mr Stephen Emmett
Head of School