

## **The involvement of Mawsley Community Primary School within the village community**

- The school is linked to Mawsley Parish Council via the School Pupils' Parliament. Any issues, suggestions etc. that the school children raise with the Parliament are discussed there; and if appropriate can then be reported to the Parish Council.  
The Parish Council will then report back progress etc. to the Pupils' Parliament.
- The whole school was involved in generating ideas for how the eco-meadow area should be used once it became available to the village (i.e. once ownership was transferred from the developers to the Borough Council). Each class had this as a project. Representatives then met with the person in the village who is looking at eco-meadow ideas as a whole to pass their ideas on.
- The school has also placed "bug hotels" and planted wild flowers in the eco-meadow.
- The two oldest classes were involved with the design of the older children's play area. They were given a range of possible equipment; the price of each item; and a total budget. They had to select a range of equipment that met as wide a range of types of play etc., within that budget.  
This directly influenced the eventual choice of the range of equipment purchased by the village.
- The school runs Community Days such as Grandparents' Day, when children bring their Grandparents into school to join with activities and watch performances.
- The school lends PE equipment to the village for the village Fete and staging to Mawsley Amateur Dramatics Group.
- The village held a charity collection (the tops from milk bottles; a benefactor to the Air Ambulance donated money for every bottle top collected). The school participated most enthusiastically, with hundreds of bottle tops being collected every week.
- Prior to the village playing fields being available the school let the youth football club use its playing fields FOC at weekends.
- Similarly the school hall was made available to the village for village social events (discos / dances; Race Night; etc.) until The Centre at Mawsley was built.
- The Mawsley Brownie group meets regularly at the school on a Monday evening.
- Last summer the school's Musical Theatre Group took part in the annual Mawsley Fun Day.

- Children between the ages of 4 – 7 make Easter bonnets each year and walk a route around the village to show their newly created hats to Mawsley residents.
- The FOMS (Friends of Mawsley School) run events to raise money for the school and the recent Christmas Fayre was well attended by all parts of our community and raised huge funds for the school.
- The school sometimes run community projects where members of the community come in to school and share their business knowledge. A project is starting after Easter for a few weeks where the children will have the chance to do sewing, cooking, gardening, dancing and a wide range of activities.
- Members of the gardening club at school were helped by members of the community Gardening For All Group to clear beds and plant things in the autumn term 2014.
- A Remembrance Service was held at school to commemorate the end of WW1 and grandparents from the community were invited to come in to school and take part in a special service and laying of ceramic poppies just like at the Tower of London.