

16<sup>th</sup> March 2026<https://parkheadprimary.westlothian.org.uk>

Dear Parents/Carer of P5a &amp; P5b

**Tree Planting at the Wee Forest**

We are delighted to inform you that our Primary 5 classes have been invited to participate in a special community project session organised by the Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT). This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to actively contribute to the biodiversity enhancement of our local green spaces, building on the work done previously with the Wee Forest planting.

The activity involves planting trees saplings at the existing Wee Forest which is visible from our school and it short walk from the skate park. Edinburgh and the surrounding area have committed to becoming a Million Tree City by 2030. To reach this target, organisers can't just plant once; they must maintain a relentless, year-after-year planting schedule. Each Wee Forest event contributes several hundred trees toward that total. Planting activity always happening around February or March because this is the end of the "bare-root" season in Scotland. Trees planted during this window have the best chance of taking root before the spring growth spurt, so organisers stack as many community events as possible into these few weeks every year and normally ask our school for help.

**The session will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026.** Each class will attend a session either in the morning or the afternoon.

For your child to take part in this session, we must receive a completed EE2 consent form. The quickest way to complete this is via the online EE2 form found in your child's Parent Portal account. If you are not a Parent Portal user, a paper EE2 form will be sent home with your child. This must be completed, signed, and returned to the school as soon as possible. Pupils who do not have a completed EE2 form (online or paper) will be unable to attend the session and will have to remain in school on the day.

As this is an outdoor planting activity, all participating pupils must be dressed appropriately for the weather and the task. Sensible footwear is critical: Pupils must wear wellies or shoes that you do not mind getting muddy. Please also ensure your child is dressed in warm clothing and a waterproof jacket suitable for working outdoors on the day. All necessary planting tools and gardening gloves will be provided by the Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is prepared for this exciting community project.

Kind regards,



Louise Delargy (Head Teacher)