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Peafield Pupils Help Birds Following Nest Box Week

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Pupils from Peafield Primary School spent a day in the sunshine on Tuesday (21st February) at Peafield Park, part of the Greenwood Community Forest, when they helped birds at the park survive the winter and hopefully choose a new “Des Res” for the coming spring.

The 5-7 year olds took part in a bird walk and other activities, organised by the Greenwood Community Forest Team on behalf of partners Mansfield District Council.

Sue McDonald, Nottinghamshire County Council Ranger for wildlife rich, Bestwood Country Park, came along to help the children identify birds by sight and sound. Many birds are attracted to this urban park and children were thrilled to see great tits, robins and goldfinches. A highlight of the walk was the sight of a hunting sparrow hawk.

Following the walk, the children made seven bird boxes and bird feeders to hang in the park to help the birds survive at this time of year.

Gill Grievson, Community Liaison Officer for Greenwood said: “The aim of the workshops was to get the children to have fun while learning about the park and the birds that live there. This is a fantastic resource for the community as well as the school.”

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Natural nesting places such as holes in buildings are fast disappearing, so it is important that we try to compensate. The bird boxes will be placed in the school grounds and at the park

National Nest Box Week (during half term) was launched in 1997 and aims to encourage everyone to put up nest boxes to help our breeding birds and other wildlife. Since it began, thousands of enthusiastic naturalists across the UK have put up boxes to compensate for this loss. It is estimated that there are now 6 million boxes in gardens across the UK.

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Photo: Pupils with their newly made nest box

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