

# NEWSLETTER

## February Newsletter

(Tiddly Pom)

**The more it goes**

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**On snowing.**

**And nobody knows**

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**How cold my toes**

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**Are growing.**



## Babies

This month in babies we made a lovely Chinese new year display board we decorated a Chinese dragon with finger paints and coloured card, it looks very pretty.

All our babies are doing a great job of developing their physical skills by pulling themselves up on the furniture and walking around it, usually trying to reach for some food 😊

We have enjoyed lots of messy play this month and had the shaving foam out and made some lovely glitter paintings with glue and sparkly glitter. This month our nursery song of the month has been 'Twinkle twinkle little star', we have all been trying to make twinkly stars with our fingers.

This month we have also made a great animal farm display on a unit, there are lots of different animals which we painted in vibrant colours, and they are lovely to look at.



Please can you bring in family photographs so that we can make family books so we can look at pictures of our close friends and family when we are at nursery, thank you.

We would like to welcome Sally-Ann to the baby room who will be working with us on a full time basis, she has come from Mini Monsters and is very much looking forward to getting to know all of the babies and their families.

Michelle is settling in the baby room very well and is enjoying working with the babies and learning all

about their likes and dislikes, Michelle is now Baby Room Leader so if you have any queries or questions don't hesitate to ask her.

Tammy, Michelle & Sally-Ann

### **Older Babies**

Throughout January the Older Babies have been learning to care for their baby dolls in the room and dressing them, feeding them and even patting them off to sleep just like themselves. They are all getting very alert to imitating the actions of the staff within the room and learning to care for each other.



We looked at Flags this month as part of our Around the world theme. We painted some lovely colour flags from different countries. Sophie put some maps up on the window so we can look at all the different countries and counties around the world and in England, Sophie and Amy are learning where we are all from, it's very interesting. There is also a lovely display of Egypt up in our room, we coloured in pictures of Camels and also some flags.

The older babies also made a big Eiffel Tower and we had fun sticking and painting that, it looks fantastic. Amy and Sophie showed us some French and Spanish books, we also listened to Naia's Spanish CD from home, and it was lovely.

We also looked at the sea as part of our topic as it connects all the countries together; we made some little fish and put them up in our home corner.

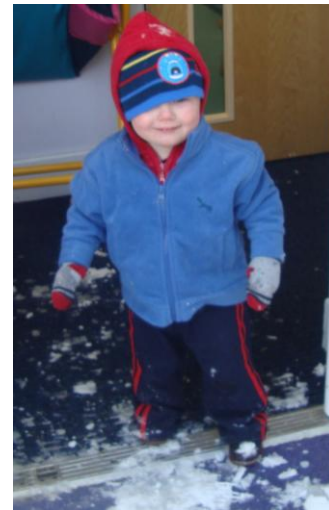
We would like to say goodbye and good luck to our friends Areeb, Jimmy, Arwen who have moved downstairs to Younger Toddlers they will have lots of fun.



We would also like to give a nice big warm welcome to Tom, Lilia and William who have started in our room and we hope they make lots of friends and enjoy themselves here at nursery with us.

Amy and Sophie

### **Younger Toddlers**



This month Younger Toddlers have really been enjoying the cold and snowy weather, we love wrapping up in our coats, hats, scarves and gloves and going outside to playing in the lovely soft white snow. We made snow angels, built a little snowman and had lots of fun.

Our topic for January has been Around the World; we have been talking about our holidays and where we have been and looking at books about the seaside.

We also painted flags with different colours and made our own designs that we wanted to paint, they look very good.



This month we have also been focusing on Colours and Animals. Claire has been trying to teach us the different shades of colours such as light blue and dark blue. Some of us are still learning our colours as well and we are doing very well.



We have also been focusing on animal names and the noises they make, it has been very fun, we like roaring like a lion 😊

### Older Toddlers

Happy New Year from everyone in Older Toddlers, after our long Christmas holiday we have enjoyed coming back with good news to tell all our friends during morning time.

Our topic for January was Around the World, we painted our own flags and put them on a display board, they looked really nice.

We were glad to have our Snails back from their little Christmas holiday with Emma who looked after them very well. Our Snails have hatched some eggs so hopefully we will have some little babies soon, watch this space...

In our room we have now got our room laid out with a creative area, a construction area, numeracy and literacy and role play area, the children are enjoying their new dressing up unit and trying on all the different outfits.

Older Toddlers have really enjoyed being creative this month and get messy with the paints, they have put some lovely big paintings up on the walls.

We have been enjoying some new toys that arrived this month. We now have magnet boards and shapes which are really fun and colourful and help our Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy development. We also have some new multi cultural dolls which are very pretty and broaden our Knowledge and Understanding of the World development.

We would like to say goodbye to Abigail, Finnley, Jack and Harry who have moved up to Preschool to join the big children, they will be missed in Toddlers but know they will all have lots of fun upstairs with Sharon.

Laura and Gemma

### Pre – School

Throughout January pre-school have been learning about Countries. They looked at the colour of their flags, where they are on the globe, what food they like to eat there and what religion they follow. We investigated all different countries, small ones, big ones, hot ones and cold ones. We also discovered what animals live where.

As part of the topic we discussed Holidays, Sharon asked us where we had been on our holidays and how we got there, most of us went to the sea side last year.

For our display boards we made lots of different flags, a French flag and some frogs, the effiel tower and some snails, Sharon also tried to help us learn how to count to ten in French. We made a Polish flag and an Irish one. Some of us come from Poland so it was good to learn what colours our home country flag is.

We made a lovely ‘Our World’ display board which we all helped make a big circle and painted to make it look like the world with the different shapes of the countries on it.

We displayed photographs of countries we have visited and drew a line to where that country is on our world.

Most of you would have met Carol by now; she is our new member of staff in the Pre-school room as Sian sadly had to leave us. We hope you all get to meet her and make her feel very welcome. Also Faye is at home poorly at the moment but hopefully she is getting lots of rest and will be back as soon as she is better.

There are lots of new children starting in Pre-school which is lovely so we can all make new friends.

Sharon, Faye and Carol

## Reminders

- As we are all familiar with the unpredictable weather please can you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing, e.g. coat, jumper and wellies.
- It is also important to have additional sets of clothing at Nursery for your child for any accidents that may occur. Could I also advise you to label clothing to avoid any confusion to what belongs to who.
- Please can I remind all parents to ensure they keep the door code to themselves and not pass it on to anyone who is coming to the nursery to collect their child.

Thank you.

## Forthcoming dates

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Day  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February –  
Spring Half Term  
Shrove Tuesday - 16th February  
Sunday 14th March – Mothers Day  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Open Day 10 am – 1pm  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening  
Friday 2nd April – Good Friday (Nursery Closed)  
Monday 5th April – Easter Monday (Nursery  
Closed)



Birthdays

We would like to say a big Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in February

Samara S  
Luca  
Imogen



From

Emma-Louise, Emma and the Apsley team