



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to June's Newsletter

Little seeds we sow in spring
growing while the robins sing,
give us carrots, peas and beans,
tomatoes, pumpkins, squash and greens.

And we pick them,
one and all,
through the summer,
through the fall,

Winter comes, then spring, and then
little seeds we sow again.

Supermarket Vouchers

We are continuing to collect our vouchers from Sainsbury's. The closing date for the vouchers is fast approaching so if you have any at home that you would like to donate please bring them in.

Welcome

We would like to give a big warm welcome to our new deputy manager Christina Marling. Some of you may have already had the opportunity to meet her. Christina has several years' nursery experience and also has two little boys of her own.

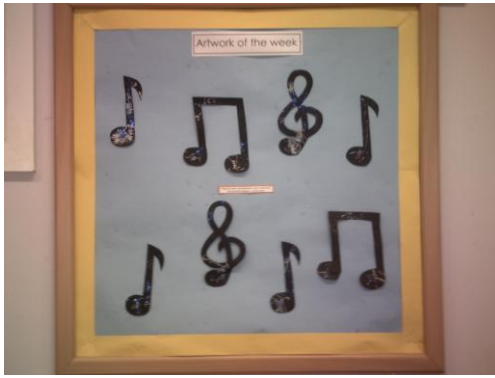
Babies

This month in younger babies we have been decorating our display boards for our monthly topic 'music and movement'. The babies enjoyed decorating our chosen nursery rhyme 'humpty dumpty' and the ginger bread man, we all got very sticky and messy decorating our pictures, the babies used lots of different coloured tissue paper and glitter and also used lots of paint getting very messy. We also did lots of singing and dancing which the babies really enjoyed. Also this month we have been doing lots of texture play, using pasta, cornflour and lots of water so we can make a splash. We have been going outside a lot more due to the nice weather and the babies enjoy interacting with the older children. The ball pool has turned out to be a favourite this month along with walkers and the play gym as well as all the art work which is making the babies room very colourful.

We would like to say a big hello and welcome to Lekeisha who is joining younger babies.

Older Babies

This month's topic has been music, older babies have been having fun looking at and playing with different instruments. We have made our own shakers, by filling empty yoghurt pots with broken pasta. We used glitter and a silver pen to create our music notes.



To create our musical instrument display we coloured in pictures of instruments such as; a drum, a piano and shakers, using pens and paints.

We have all enjoyed making sounds and music, we have played with bells, recorders, party blowers, a tambourine and rattles and had fun listening to Amy play the flute.



This month we have also been playing with different textures including, corn flour (gloop), pasta and shaving foam, and now as it has become warmer we have been out in the garden every day. We also played with feathers, watching them float and blowing them in the air and having lots of fun tickling each other.

This month we would like to welcome Krish and Lauren who have joined us from younger babies, and to Katie who is also joining the nursery, and a good-bye to Shanelle, Sophia and Rayan have made those big steps to younger toddlers, we wish them good luck.

Amy and Sammy-Jo.

Younger Toddlers

For May this month the Younger Toddlers have been learning about music and movement. Each week we have looked at a different instrument. The instruments we learnt about were bells, shakers and drums. In the final week of May we looked at different ways to make sound, for example, tapping, banging with toy hammers and blowing bubbles. The children have had fun sticking with different materials and glitter. They have developed their fine manipulative skills through colouring with thick and thin pencils. Also this month we have been doing a colour of the week and planning activities around that colour. The children so far have learnt about the colours red, yellow, blue and green. We will continue the colour of the week next month as well. This will help the children recognise and learn their colours.

The Younger Toddlers have had great fun using their physical skills this month, dancing to music, doing yoga with Fran; making shapes of different animals with their bodies, for example, frog, monkey, butterfly, cat, dog and mouse. The children have been singing lots of songs this month; action, number and nursery rhymes. They continue to love this each day, copying and learning through the adults.

The children have experimented with lots of messy activities this month, such as, shaving foam, cornflour, sand, water and shredded paper. This has continued to further develop their senses.



We would like to welcome Sophia, Rayan and Shanelle into the younger toddler room, who have joined us from older babies.

We would also like to praise the children who have begun to toilet train, they are all doing so well. Keep it up! Well done! Fran and Sophie

Older Toddlers

The older toddlers have had lots of fun with our monthly topic. The children have had lots of fun listening to different music and beats and sticking and painting on different instruments. We have been sitting in the quiet room and having music and movement.



The children have also enjoyed making their own shakers that we used to dance to music with. We have also enjoyed working alongside with younger toddlers to decorate the divided window in music notes and drum's. As the weather has been so hot we have enjoyed taking the inside out sand play, water play, painting, sticking and some days enjoyed having tea and lunch outside too. We have brought a new gazebo for the garden for the children to have shade at all times the children have enjoyed making the gazebo an under the sea theme. We have been getting ready for our next topic of people that help us, I think the children will have a lot of fun being creative and learning about this topic. We have had to say a sad goodbye to Emily Day who has left to spend time with her mummy and new baby brother.

Gemma and Orshi

Pre – School

Our topic this month is music and movement and we have had lots of fun exploring the sounds of instruments and how they can be changed, we have also had lots of fun dancing and making our own dance routines to music. We have made lots of instruments to help us learn about music and sounds we made shakers using folded paper plates and filling them with pasta shells then adding tissue paper around the edges, then we made a kazoo using large tubes painting them and then decorating with lots of materials we added baking paper to both ends then sang

through the hole to change the sound of our voices.



We drew drums then threaded wool through holes to make a zig zag pattern, and also made guitars using tissue boxes, paint, materials and lots of elastic bands to make lots of noise, we played musical instruments and made a lot of noise. We made music with water by filling up glasses with water a little more in each glass we added food colouring then using spoons we tapped the glasses and made music. Also this month we have been looking at volcanos on how they erupt and all about lava and how old they are, we made our own volcano using baking powder and vinegar and red food colouring and when we added the two together it fizzed up and red 'lava' came out the top.



Also in pre-school we have been practicing our writing, words and letters and there sounds. We have also been doing adding and subtracting and

are having lots of fun learning, we have a new French game and are enjoying learning new French words and numbers.

From

Emma-Louise, Christina and the Apsley team

Forthcoming dates

Wednesday 15th June- The fireman are coming to visit the nursery.

Saturday 19th June – We are holding a Nursery open day.

Wednesday 30th June – Pre-school sports day, Family BBQ and a visit from the farm.

Birthdays

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

Toby

Joe

Ella

Jessica

Devan

Isabella

Caleb

Leo

Samara

Ellie-Jean

Garbriel

