



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to May's newsletter!

We take great pleasure in welcoming all of the new children to our nursery; Daniel, Jenson, Lily, Leia-Rose, Daisy, Lauren and Sophie. We hope you enjoy your time with us and have lots of fun.

I would also like to introduce a new member of staff; Nancy Joyce, who will be covering staff lunches in the baby rooms for us.

As our numbers continue to increase steadily, we are busy preparing new areas within the nursery. Some prospective new changes include actively looking into moving the Preschool Room upstairs, and introducing sensorial areas, sign language and yoga into our baby programs.



Gemma and I would also like to take this time to thank all of you for making us feel so welcome! It has been a great pleasure to meet both you and your children, and to get to know them on an individual basis. We are both very excited about the potential of the nursery, and encourage you to drop by the office to set up a 'tea time' with us so that we can get to know you better!

Younger Babies



In younger babies this month, we have been concentrating on building our new sensory area. This area will concentrate on different items to allow our babies a variety of articles to touch and visualize, in a safe and individual basis. For May, we will be incorporating quite a bit of messy play into the

baby room, so please ensure that your child has at least one change of clothing in their box at all times. We will be trying out corn flour, paint and jelly to feel and taste the different textures and consistencies. As well, please ensure that your child has a Positive Steps hat, and that you have signed the sunscreen form allowing us to put designated sun cream on them for outdoor play. We have had quite a few wonderful days in April outdoors, and are looking forward to more in May!

Laura – Room Leader

Older Babies

This month's theme has been all about 'Under the Sea', so the older baby room has drawn, painted and pasted many creatures that inhabit the sea. These include hand printed crabs and fish, glitter starfish, shell painting and a HUGE octopus and jellyfish made from paper plates. We have created a display board for your enjoyment in the older baby room. We have also enjoyed Bianca's big bag of hats to dress up with and use as role play. We

took an exciting adventure outdoors to the local park for a change of scenery with the lovely weather and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine. Please remember to sign the sunscreen application form in our room to ensure that the proper sunscreen is applied for when we head into the sunshine again!

Next month we are studying 'All About Me' where we will be creating pictures of ourselves and discovering new and exciting facts about each of our friends.



Louise – Acting Room Leader

Toddlers



At the beginning of the month, we discussed 'Under the Sea' using SpongeBob Squarepants as our mascot. We made pictures of starfish and crabs and talked about different authentic sea animals and explored their environments using sand and water play. We also weaved octopi, made 3-dimensional jelly fish, hand-print crabs and chalked pictures of our dolphins. We used the parachute to create an 'Under the Sea' environment and imagined what life would be like under there. We also incorporated Disney's 'Under the Sea' song into our music program.

This month, we will be looking at different photos of families, as well as our own and making individual family trees. We will learn each other's likes and dislikes, our favourite hobbies, music, toys and food and incorporating as many of these items as possible into our nursery setting.

Ashley – Room Leader

Pre-School



In Preschool we have created our own ocean room!! Please drop in and see the inside our aquarium that includes a blue shark (painted) with lots of glitter and shiny paper, a submarine made from a cardboard box with cellophane windows, and true-to life divers, amongst many other sea objects!



We also made divers' mask with strips of cellophane so that we can swim through our sea room. We made a treasure chest for our loot, a fish tank for our classroom and created sea monster children using a cardboard box and strips of ribbon, pipe cleaners, coloured sand and



tissue paper. The children had a great time wearing the costume and 'scaring' their peers! Our classroom time included stories about sea life, a

magnetic fishing game, fishing in the water play using a small net, and sailing our nursery-made boats.

Next month Preschool will study 'All About Me', where we will draw each other and decorate the drawings with a wide range of art materials. We will create our hand prints and foot prints roaming around our room, and have a show-and-tell using our favourite things from home. We will also be dressing up for a day in our

favourite outfits and creating personal puppets to role-play with!

Sharon – Room Leader

Vacation Time and Extra Sessions

Please ensure that your child's vacation requests and extra sessions requests are submitted to Gemma, our Deputy Manager in a timely fashion so that we can ensure that ratios and children's needs are always being met. Any other situations, feel free to call, email or discuss with myself, and I will promise to handle them in a timely manner.



Door Entry

We would like to remind you not to let other parents/strangers into the nursery or to divulge the entry code. Keeping our children safe is one of our main priorities.

Overshoes

We would also like to once again remind you to wear the blue overshoes provided, or to remove your outdoor shoes when entering our baby rooms. Our little ones spend a lot of time on the floor during the day and it is imperative that we keep things as clean and as hygienic as possible.

Events

On Tuesday the 12th of May, our nursery will be crawling with insects and animals of various shapes and sizes. From 9:30 am until 11:00 am, Zoolab will be visiting to introduce all of our children to different animals. As well they will teach us the sounds and movements that each animal makes to show the diversity that is so rich all around us!

We also have book orders due, photo proofs to order (or return to nursery please), Tesco vouchers to collect, and updated children's information forms to complete! Please feel free to take advantage of the check sheet that we will provide, these will be placed in you child's drawer.

Birthdays!

We would like to wish a very happy first birthday to Sophie, and a very happy second birthday to Mia! We hope that you enjoy your birthday cakes baked here at the nursery on your special day!

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We have home corners located in Toddlers and Pre-School that the children love to use in role-play and we are also working at placing one in our Older Baby room as well. As children love to use realistic objects to play with, we would appreciate it if you would be willing to donate any empty cereal boxes or other containers (not glass please) to the nursery for this purpose. Simply leave them with us in the office and we can then allocate them to the different rooms as needed. We thank-you in advance for your 'recycling' support!

Have a great month and thank you for your continued support.



Holly, Gemma and Team