



NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our April Newsletter

We are now seeing the delights of spring with the blossom on the trees and the bright yellow daffodils in the gardens. It has been especially lovely to see the sunshine.

We have had another busy month with World Book Day, Red Nose Day, St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day.

For World Book Day we invited parents in to read a story to the children during the day. We would like to thank Julie (Tommy's mummy) and Maria (Eva's mummy) for spending time with the children reading books, playing and spending time in the garden with the children. The children enjoy having parent's in to the Nursery and we have an open invitation for parents and grandparents to come in and spend time just 'playing'.



Tommy's mummy with the pre school.

We encouraged the children to dress up as their favourite book character. We had lots of different costumes and had a really enjoyable day.

For Comic Relief the children had a Whacky Hair and Crazy Clothes day. We had some very funny hair styles and an array of clothes ranging from brightly coloured shirts to wearing our pants on top of our trousers! We raised over £50.00 in total. Thank you.



Look at our hair and costumes!!!!

Congratulations Hannah!

We are pleased to inform you that Hannah and her partner Adam have had a beautiful baby girl named Jessica Jane. Jessica made an unexpected and very early entry into the world, weighing in at 11lb 13oz. I am pleased to say they are both doing well.

Parents Evening

We had a successful Parent's Evening this month and would like to thank all parents who attended. If you were unable to make an appointment please see your child's key carer and she will make a time convenient to you both to go through your child's development folder.

Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Vouchers for Schools and Tesco Computer vouchers. You will find the boxes for both in the foyer as you enter the Nursery. Please help us to add to our outdoor equipment and computer equipment by collecting them from friends and family.

Easter

There will be letters in your child's drawer detailing forthcoming events for Easter Festivities. We will be making Easter Baskets, cards and maybe an Easter Bonnet competition. For children in pre school attending funded sessions only, the term ends on Friday 3rd April and starts again on Monday 20th April.

Babies

Welcome to William who has joined the Nursery this month.

We have had some lovely giggly times and some quiet cuddly times in babies this month. Our babies love to have time to spend with the staff just tickling and playing with each other. We have special times within our key groups to get to know each child individually.

Our babies love to explore different textures and we used the wooden blocks to make patterns with the paint. All our art work is displayed in the room and on the stairs.

The babies love to look at themselves in the mirrors. As you can see below, Ben is fascinated by his reflection in the mirror. I am sure, like us, he is thinking, 'What a handsome boy!'



Ben admiring himself in the mirror

We enjoy our quiet times where we spend time looking at books, playing with shape sorters, drawing with crayons and playing with the animals. We talk about the noises the animals make while playing with them and put them in and out of the box.



Amelia and the animals

Older Babies

Welcome to Ryan and Isla who have moved through from the baby room.

During the past four weeks we have been looking at several topics.

Firstly the children enjoyed using their fingers to create wonderful art work and cards for Mothers Day. They really enjoyed the texture of the paint and getting their hands messy.

The children have also been learning about themselves and identifying key body parts such as eyes, nose, mouth, tongue, ears, hair and limbs.



"Here is my nose!" says Mia

With the weather on the up, we have been making the most of the time outside in the garden. The children have enjoyed playing with the tricycles and climbing frame and also with the hoops. The favourite of all though is blowing bubbles! We have also been taking toys such as bricks and animals in the garden to play with and enjoyed the sand and water.



Archie enjoying his time on the tricycle

We have now started to focus on Easter and are busy making displays to go on the walls. We shall be looking at mini beasts and insects and will be introducing a topic table.

We would love parent's to become more involved with our topics and planning and will keep you up to date on our focuses and how you can contribute. Please be aware of our parent's notice board for ideas and help.

We would like to remind all parents that the baby rooms are strictly a 'No outdoor shoe' area and ask you kindly to remove your shoes or wear the blue overshoes provided when arriving and collecting your child from Nursery.

Toddlers

Welcome to Niamh who has moved to toddlers from Older Babies.

We have been really busy with our art work recently concentrating on our cards and presents for Mothers Day. We created the flowers by using paint brushes to paint our toes which tickled as we did and that made us giggle. One thing we all enjoy is playing with water and after watching Victoria clean the chairs, the children decided it would be good idea to help her. Armed with sponges and lots of baby bath, we cleaned the chairs, tables, water tray and almost anything that was standing still. Good job the staff could keep moving!



A busy workforce cleaning the table

For messy play we have used a variety of ingredients such as baked beans, rice kipsie and flour all mixed together with food colouring. We love the feel of everything being mixed together and squashing it in our hands.

As the weather has been warmer we have been spending more time outside, taking the indoor play toys outside.

We had the dolls outside with the dressing up clothes. We played with the cars and the car mat along with the building bricks.



Looking for worms!

We hope you enjoyed the cakes we made for Red Nose Day. We used marshmallows and rice krispies to make the cakes and the red nose was made with glacier cherries. Yummy!!

Pre school

As the weather slowly becomes brighter we have been making the most of it. We enjoyed water play in the garden and some of us ended up cleaning absolutely everything.

We enjoyed being receptionists, answering the telephone and taking messages. We also typed the messages on the computer and made our own newsletters.



A very busy reception

Leading on from receptionists, we decided to write our own story, 'Dozyapeth the witch'. We have it displayed on the wall so please take the time to read it. All the children added bits to it and talked about what the witch was doing and who was going to save Zara. The witch eventually becomes a shark and Tommy saves Zara with a kiss.

We don't think it is quite ready for the shops yet!

We have been doing a lot of work on shapes this month, not only naming shapes but making pictures out of shapes. Tommy's model robot became good friends with Elias' bionacle!

We enjoyed World book day where we all dressed up as our favourite book characters and Tommy's mum came in and read us a story about Pirates. We did a parade of our costumes, walking up and down the catwalk!



Some of our costumes

We would like to say Goodbye to Elias who is leaving us to go to 'big school'. Elias joined us as a 1 year old and is now a very grown up 4 year old. We wish him lots of luck in his new school.

Staff News

We would like to welcome Victoria to the Nursery she is our new housekeeper. Victoria works Monday to Friday for 5 hours and keeps the Nursery clean and tidy throughout the day and helps cover at lunchtime in the toddler room. She is popular with the children and will help staff whenever needed.

Government Funding

Children are eligible for Government funding the term after they are 3 years old. The funding is termly and is deducted from your monthly fees. The remaining balance is taken by direct debit from your account.

As the funding is term time only, we ask that you pay the full amount of fees for the months of April, August and December. The remaining months will have the funding deducted.

You will be required to complete a declaration form confirming the amount of sessions you are claiming for and will need to provide a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Sun creams

As we have had some sun recently we are preparing for the warmer weather and asking you all to supply your child with sun cream for the coming season. We are unable to use any other sun cream on your child other than the one supplied by yourselves. Your child will be unable to go outside in the warmer weather if they do not have sun cream.

Sun Hats

Our Positive Steps sun hats are made with the flap at the back to cover the neck and you are able to purchase them on the uniform website; www.simplyicons.com

Clothes when toilet training

Please can parents ensure that they supply their children with an abundance of clothes when toilet training. These need to be clearly labeled and are to include trousers, skirts, knickers, pants, socks and if possible, spare shoes. We do keep some clothes in the Nursery as spare but unfortunately it does not always get returned and we cannot guarantee that we will have something that fits.

Prams & Pushchairs

If you have a pram or pushchair that you no longer require, we would be very grateful if it could be donated to the Nursery. This allows the younger babies to have more regular outings into the garden and outdoor activities.

New Arrivals



Congratulations to Amelie A'court and her family on the safe arrival of her baby sister.

March birthdays



Archie Connaught Phiri on the 27th
Ben Fitch 3yrs on the 29th
Grace Huyton 3yrs on the 30th
Amy Clarke 4yrs on the 5th
Leo Boyes 4yrs on the 8th
Joshua Street 4yrs on the 24th
Tom Lonsdale 5yrs on 11th

Kind regards

Janet and team