



NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our July Newsletter

In winter I get up at night,
And dress by yellow candle light.
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day,

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown up people's feet
Still going past me in the street,

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?

Once again it has been a busy month for the nursery and all the staff and children. We have been busy doing so many things and planning all our activities that will be coming up over the next couple of months.

But first of all, I am sure you are all aware the Janet Buckett will be leaving at the end of July. Janet has been with us for nearly 5 years working at Maidenhead and has seen the Nursery grow from strength to strength. The team and company as a whole will be sad to see her go.

Jill Spencer will be moving to Maidenhead to take over from Janet. Jill has been with the company based in Stokenchurch for nearly 5 years so has good knowledge of childcare legislation and Positive Steps Policies and procedures. Jill will be around for the few weeks before Janet leaves so there will be plenty of opportunity to meet her.



Jill Spencer – Senior Nursery Manager

Dates for your diary

Parents evening

Parents evening will be held on the 8th July 2009. We hope that you have been able to book an appointment with your child's key carer. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to see them when you are next in nursery. After your meeting with your key carer we will be asking you if you could kindly fill in a questionnaire on the evening as we value your comments.

Sports day and farm visit

Sports day for pre-school will be held on the 16th July 2009. The other children will be having a farm visit and then we will all be enjoying the BBQ. Please do not forget to return your permission slips to your child's key carer or room leader.

Swimming lessons

The new term for swimming will start in September. The children who are currently taking lessons will get priority, however letters for others will be going out nearer the time.

Babies

This month we have enjoyed many different activities. We have been busy doing art work to decorate the room and enjoying plenty of physical play. The children enjoyed using the parachute and seeing all the different colours as it flew up and down. We have also spent plenty of time in the garden playing on the bikes and climbing frame and also having our snack out there with our friends from Older Babies. We got a little bit wet whilst playing in the water tray.



No wheelies for me just yet!

We enjoyed having Daddies in to play for Fathers' day and we created some lovely cards for them and made gifts too! The children have had a lot of fun with messy and sensory play. There has been paint and shaving foam and lots of bubbles. The children got very messy and covered themselves and all of the furniture.



I know I can get the paper on the next one!

We have enjoyed listening to some new Disney CD's and have been dancing around the room. The babies like to bob up and down and shake

their little bottoms. The treasure basket has also been a great hit with the natural materials in it; the children really like the wooden clothes pegs.

Older babies

This month in our room we have been enjoyed many different activities. A big part of our month was creating cards and gifts for Fathers

Day. The children used paint and hand prints to make gold fish and jelly fish for cards and mugs. We hope you all liked your gifts, the children concentrated hard to make them.

The weather has been wonderful and therefore the children have been able to go outside twice a day and enjoy the fresh air and outdoor activities.



Row, row your teddy and your boat!

The children really enjoyed dressing up again but it was full costumes, and Ruby made a wonderful nurse! The children have been working with their carers to form strong and caring relationships with each other. We have looked at how to help our friends and to share and work together and the children have really shown their caring sides. We have been using sensory materials and toys to further our experiences and knowledge. The children have enjoyed playing with the mirror, in which they can explore themselves, and used the treasure basket and the coloured scarves to learn about colour mixing and views.



Can you see me?

The art work has been flowing and the children have enjoyed lots of painting and collaging over the weeks. We look forward to showing you on Parents Evening!

Toddlers

Welcome to Daniels, who has joined us and also to Asha and Mia who have moved down from Older Babies.

This month in Toddlers, we have been making some changes to our purple room. We have decorated it to a space theme with stars in the windows to make it more relaxing. Our birthday board has been changed to animals which the children coloured and helped to put together. The children really enjoyed some messy tabletop painting and used different objects to create different patterns and marks.



A very messy time was had!

With the weather being so lovely, the children have enjoyed being able to free flow between the rooms and the garden. They have enjoyed being in the sand and water trays, playing on the climbing frame, whooshing down the slide and riding on the bikes.

On a lovely sunny morning we made a fruit salad. The children enjoyed cutting up the fruit and tasting it whilst doing so. They learnt about the different types of fruit such as pineapple, blueberries, kiwi fruit, passion fruit, dragon fruit, and strawberries just to name a few.



A fruit tasting feast!

Other activities that the children took part in were dressing up, flower painting, playing mummies with the dolls and re-decorating the room with shredded paper.

Pre School

This month we welcome Ashlyn and Max into preschool who have joined us from Toddlers.

We have celebrated a lot of birthdays in pre-school with most of them turning five! These children have been visiting their new schools and have enjoyed coming back to nursery to tell their friends about their new teachers and classrooms. For those children going to school in September we would like to offer our help. Parents, if there is anything that we can help with, please speak to Kim who will be happy to discuss any issues that you may have. We would like to make this big transition as smooth as possible for you all!

As the weather has been better we have enjoyed a lot of fun and games in the garden. We played with water and bubbles and bricks and balls. Water play was so much fun outside and we dried so quickly.



Future design students!

We have had great fun practicing for sports day races and perfecting our acrobatic skills. We used some mats on the floor so we could do roly polys.



Tuck and roll!

The children have been making their own pictures of the beach as we have discussed holidays that we have been on. Ben enjoyed telling us about his holiday to Portugal with Mummy, Daddy and Amie. Lewis was keen to tell us that "Daddy goes on BMI and drives the plane." Many of us got very excited doing the work on holidays and can not wait to go on one of our own!

We enjoyed large scale painting where we used lots of colours and massive paint brushes to make big pictures.



Some fantastic letter forming!

The children also had a very messy time playing with flour and water. This helped them to explore different consistencies of various substances.

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 or can be bought directly from the office. We would also like to ask parents to purchase the Nursery bags for their children. We are very limited on the peg space and these bags would help to save space.

Partnership with parents

As some of you may be aware, we are working hard to get parents involved with the Nursery

and the planning which we carry out. We are always looking to invite parents in to play or to contribute ideas towards the planning. If anyone has anything they would like us to include, or would like to come and play, please see your child's room leader for more information.

Updating our website

We are currently updating our website and, as most of you should be aware, the newsletter is now on the site. As a result we would ask if you could please update us on permission for your children to appear on the website. We have reviewed the information we release and will not be putting any names of children with photographs or the day that their birthday falls on the announcement list. If you could inform Janet or Rachel as to this information, we can be sure to have up to date records and lists of children who cannot appear. Thank you.

Staff news

As you should be aware, we nominate a staff for staff of the month. For June it was Robyn who showed good leadership and commitment in Kim's absence from Pre-school. If you would like to put a name forward at any time, please see Janet or Rachel for a chat!

June birthdays



Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthdays in June!

Isabel	Amelie
Katie	Abbie
Asha	Hannah J
Max F	Jai
Dylan	Hana H R
Caitlin	Lewis

Kind regards

Janet and team