



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome to our May Newsletter

Today is the day when bold kites fly, When cumulus clouds roar across the sky. When Robins return, when children cheer, when light rain beckons spring to appear. Today is the day when daffodils bloom, which children pick to fill the room. Today is the day when grasses green, when leaves burst forth for spring to be seen.

We have had a fun filled month with celebrating Easter. The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt around the inside and outside of the nursery, looking for decorated eggs with surprises inside. The children also enjoyed their Easter bonnet competition; we could see the effort that had gone into them and would like to say a big thank you and well done to the arty parents and carers!



Ben in his fabulous bonnet!

## Babies

Welcome to Dinah and Faith who have joined the Nursery this month.

In our baby room we have been busy with our Easter season this month. We have been making our Easter cards which we hope the parents enjoyed receiving from their little ones. The children also had great fun with the Easter bonnet competition in which they all enjoyed wearing their lovely hats. Alas there could only be one winner and we are pleased to announce that it was Amelia; so well done to Amelia and her parents for their lovely creation.



Amelia's creation!

With the weather warming up this month, we have made the most of going outdoors. We have been on a trip to the park on a couple of occasions as well as spending time in the garden and having a picnic out there. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these experiences and we will continue to provide these through the warm months. We shall be continuing with our

fortnightly trips to the sensory zone and will also keep you informed of any topics and plans that might arise over the coming months. There will be some new displays going up on the boards which your children have been very busy creating. Please feel free to come in and have a look at all their hard work!



Katie finger painting

### Older Babies

Welcome to Isabel and Katie who have moved through from Baby room; we are very pleased to have them with us.

It has been a very arty month for us and the children have enjoyed an array of different sensory and messy activities. We made some lovely flannels for Easter gifts and the children used special paints to leave their handprints. We also made Easter eggs for the cards that went home. We hope you enjoyed them!

On Thursday before Easter the children came to nursery with some magnificent bonnets that they had created at home with parents or carers.

Thank you so much to you all for the effort that was put in, your support was fantastic. It took a long time to judge but in the end our winner was Archie. A big congratulations to you!



Archie had a “cheeping” good time!

The children enjoyed creating beautiful butterfly mobiles by marbling paper with special inks. We are currently looking to create a small sensory area in the room and as a start have begun

making the older baby magical tree. This will change each season and be decorated to fit with topics and celebrations. The children have worked hard to paint the trunk and have been making leaves out of clay with their teachers. If any parents have any soft/sensory rugs or beanbags or cushions that they would like to contribute to the sensory area, please feel free to talk to Rachel. We have been getting very messy with papier mache to make hot air balloons which we hope to decorate and put up around the room to display the children’s birthdays.



Summer getting very sticky!

At last we have enjoyed regular time outside in the garden with the better weather, and even enjoyed having our tea outside, picnic style, on the mats. It was great fun!

Can we please remind parents to either remove their shoes or to wear shoe covers when dropping off and collecting children. The children upstairs spend most of their day on the floor and we would not wish things brought in on shoes. It is for the health and safety of your children. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### Toddlers

Welcome to Asmi and Yasmine who have joined the nursery and to Hannah and Adi who have moved down from Older Babies; you are very welcome!

This month in Toddlers, we have created a new display board. We looked at and touched daffodils and then painted our own daffodils. We have also made a board focused on numbers. Please come and take a look when you are in our room.

It has been a busy month with Easter and the children have been very busy making cards and presents. We decorated chocolate eggs and rabbits and made a box to carry it home in. The cards were made with fluffy chicks and goggle eyes. We also had fun putting together rabbits from pieces that our teachers cut out. They are on the display board on the stairs and look great.



Ashlyn enjoying life painting

We had an Easter bonnet competition and are happy to announce the winner as Hannah. Well done! The children have enjoyed lots of water play and thought it was very funny when the teachers added bubble bath and food colouring which had a wonderful result with big coloured bubbles. The children also used the water to bath the babies and dolls. Other art activities included cars in paint, blowing paint through straws, and glitter painting. A particular favourite for the children this month was dressing up. The girls have been pretty princesses and pretended to get married and the boys have enjoyed being scary monsters.



Our gypsy belles Morgan and Mia

Janet got us some lovely new toys for the kitchen and role play, so we are all now in training to be the next master chefs! The teachers were a little dubious of having mashed potato for breakfast!

### Pre school

Welcome to Lewis, Grace, Ben, Simone and Archie who have joined us from the Toddler room. We would also like to welcome the two new additions to Pre school, in the form of Nemo and Dory our fish. We are enjoying watching and feeding them to see them grow. Bertie Bear had a fantastic time making African food at Alex and Simone's house. Bertie loves going to children's houses and will watch children during the week to decide whose house he would like to visit. Bertie has a notebook where he can note down what he has done and then he shares his experiences with everyone at circle time.

We enjoyed using the telephone and playing "Janet" by answering the phone and taking messages.



"Janet" by Joseph

Easter brought with it lots of fun and chocolate and we enjoyed making our Easter display. We especially enjoyed hunting for eggs which had been hidden in the nursery!



"Look, I've found one!" Said Abbie

The children have been very keen to explore technology by using the camera and have taken lots of pictures. As the weather is getting warmer, we have enjoyed taking activities outside. Arun and Jamie worked on a puzzle together, Roan and Dylan made sand castles, Archie practiced his music making skills while Tommy perfected his football skills!



A budding Liverpool player

We have been working very hard on our computer skills and having control to use the mouse. Arun made a virtual garden and watched the plants grow

as he watered them. Other activities included icing biscuits and making clay models which the children painted once they had dried. They made mountains, peas, pizzas, eagles and flowers. There has been a lot of emphasis on numbers this month and the children have been counting many things such as bricks in the wall, baked beans and cups. We will continue to work on numbers in May and will be introducing a number of the week. Please encourage your child to point out numbers that they see in the environment so that they can bring these experiences into nursery with them.

If there are any activities that you would like your child to partake in at nursery, or any interests that they have acquired which you would like to develop, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's key carer.

### **Staff News**

We would like to welcome Jade Kettle who has joined pre-school as a permanent member of the team, and Jay Gilbert who has moved to us as room leader in the Baby room from our Norden Road Nursery. Happy to have you both in the team!

### **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](http://www.simplyicons.com)

### **The Book People**

We would like to remind parents that once a month we will put a leaflet for the Book People in the children's drawers. We have been using the company for some time and the books are very well priced; better deals than in the shops. If you do buy some books the commission raised enables us to buy books for the children and replace favourites that are read many times.

It is very easy to do, just fill in the form and bring it back with the money or credit card details and we will do the rest!

### **Congratulations Shane!**

Our lovely cook Shane, who got engaged during the Christmas holidays, has set a date for the big day! We are pleased to announce that he and his fiancée Michelle will be married on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010. We wish them all the best with their preparations!

### **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.

### **Labels**

Can we please remind parents that we do ask for **all** of your child's belongings to be clearly labeled with their name. We do our very best to keep all the clothes and belongings in their boxes or on pegs, but sometimes they may go to be washed or be moved by children.

### **New Arrivals**



Congratulations to Jayden Taylor and his family on the safe arrival of his baby brother Isaac.

### **April birthdays**



Vivaan was 1 year old on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Vincent was 2 years old on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Hannah was 2 years old on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Adi was 2 years old on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Chloe was 2 years old on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Patrick was 2 years old on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Simone was 3 years old on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Lewis was 3 years old on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
Joseph was 4 years old on the 6<sup>th</sup>

Kind regards

Janet and team