



NEWSLETTER



March 2010

Welcome to March's newsletter. We are glad March is here and we are looking forward to all the new flowers appearing and the sun beginning to shine in through the window.

However as I'm sure you are all aware it is still very chilly outside and we still require a warm coat and hat to wear when the children go out to play.



Little Babies

This month's topic has been shapes and colours and in the little baby room we have been painting lots of different shapes using different shaped painting tools e.g. Square sponges and circle bricks to create our problem solving, reasoning and numeracy display board.

On our communication, language and literacy board we have created a large Elma the elephant picture and created the colours using our hand prints.

For our art work board we created some little Elma the elephants by sticking lots of different coloured squares onto them and you will see these displayed in the corridor.

Staffing

You should have received a letter regarding the recent changes to staffing, but just to ensure that everyone is aware Amy has been promoted to little baby room as Room Leader, we hope she settles in well and has fun getting to know all the babies.

We have sadly said goodbye to Steff from the toddler room who is moving on to a new challenge, but would like to welcome Shelby who will be replacing Steff in the toddler room.



We have been continuing with our baby signing and the babies are watching and trying to copy some of the signs.

We have been getting very messy with the shaving foam, water play with glitter and doing lots of messy painting.

All in the baby room are sad to say good bye to Shyla who is moving through the older babies, we are sure she will have a fun time and we will all be popping in to see her and seeing her progress in there.

We would like to say a big hello to our newest member of the baby room Max, he is enjoying getting to know all the other children and making new friends.

Amy and Emily

Older Babies

Older babies have been really busy doing lots of printing of squares and circles for our display board to make our shape friends Sally circle and Sammy square.

We also enjoyed printing squares and hearts for our art gallery, we made lots of noise banging our shapes up and down.

To celebrate the Chinese New Year we coloured pictures of tigers and made red envelopes we used red paint and got covered in it.

On a wet and cold day we brought the bendy tubes in to make tunnels and domes which we all found very exciting to try and crawl through without knocking them down, we then rolled some balls through them which made us giggle as they knocked the tubes down.

We all have a new favourite toy, we love playing with the dolls house with either the people or dinosaurs inside.



On Friday morning we made a bus/train out of the chairs, we danced to the music that was playing and made choo, choo and beep, beep noises as our teddies also had a ride.

Claudia Heather and Pam

Toddlers

This month in toddlers we have been focusing on shapes and colours. For our little display board we chose the story of Elma, toddlers really enjoyed sticking different coloured pieces of tissue paper onto a picture of 'Elma the elephant' these look lovely and colourful and you can see them on our display board and in our folders.

We have also made a sensory shape display board where the toddlers used different materials and stuck them onto different shapes, some of these were felt, tissue balls, coloured sand and bubble wrap. Our main display board has lots of different shapes on which the toddlers enjoyed painting. Can you count how many red squares are on the board.



We have looked at Valentines Day which was an event during this month, the children stuck pink hearts onto a folded piece of card and then glued either side of the next heart and chose either red or gold glitter to make it all sparkly. The toddlers had great fun making them and got covered in all the sparkly glitter we hope you all liked them. ☺

We would like to wish Emma and Archie happy birthday and hope they have lots of fun in pre-school and we would like to welcome Morgan into the toddler room and hope he has a nice time.

Sam, Steff, Shakila and Bhawwna

Pre- School

This month in Pre-School we have been very busy, we have enjoyed looking at different colours and mixing different colours together to make a new colour, we found that red and yellow make orange, red and blue make purple and blue and yellow make green. We have also looked at different shapes, we have enjoyed colouring different shapes in and then cutting them out and sticking them together to make a house. We have made valentines cards during the week leading up to Valentine's Day.

We made special necklaces out of different coloured pasta which we had dyed with food colouring, we tried to make different patterns with the colours. During the month it was also the Chinese New Year and we celebrated this at nursery by making tiger masks and lucky red envelopes, these are given as gifts with money inside as a sign of luck.

We also tried to pick some paper up using chop sticks which was very tricky. Denise brought some Chinese things in for us to look at which include a chop stick stand which is what you rest the chopstick on when they are on the table. We looked at a pillow case and a Chinese dress which were very pretty. We did some tracing of Chinese numbers from 1-4.



On Pancake day Jen made us some very yummy pancakes which we had for snack with lemon juice, fruit salad or banana.

So we have had a very busy month and are looking forward to next month which I'm sure will be just as busy.

We would like to welcome Grace into pre-School who has just started the nursery and we would like to welcome Emma and Archie who have moved up from the toddler room.

Yvonne, Denise and Jen

Forthcoming dates

- 1st March - St David's day
- 12th March - Open day
- 23rd March - Parents evening
- 12th June - Stokenchurch Village Fete
- 16th June - Sports day
- 17th June - Parents evening

Reminders

Labelling

Please can you ensure that all items of clothing and shoes are labelled clearly. Please ensure shoes and slippers are labelled as we have had a number of occasions where children are going home in the wrong shoes.



Garden

Due to our vegetables being such a success last year we are looking at trying a new range of vegetable this year, if you have any suggestions you feel will be good for us to try then please let us know. Also if you're out planting in your garden at home and have any leftover bulbs we would quite happily take them off of your hands.

Illness

Just a reminder that if your child has either sickness or diarrhoea then the exclusion period from nursery is 48 hours from the last bout. This is to reduce the chance of the illness being passed from person to person.

Kind Regards,

Caroline, Jen and the Stokenchurch Team.

Last but not least . . .

We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday, as they will be celebrating in March:

Finlay

Fletcher

Chloe

Finn

Adam

Tyler

Happy Birthday

