



NEWSLETTER



Introduction

A busy start to the month with preparations for sports day, designing the nursery t-towel, children moving up and of course saying good-bye to some of the pre-school children with an afternoon tea party, dressing up and games to wish them all a happy holiday and fun learning at their new school. The weather has been getting better slowly and we have had some very warm days lately. Long may it continue through the next few months?

Early years foundation stage

The staff have been accessing training ready for the new foundation stage curriculum which will be in use from September this year. Those of you who are teachers will be familiar with the new documentation and understanding of it. The aim is to establish one single, coherent development and learning framework for all children from birth to five. It will bring together the existing Birth to Three Framework with CGFS and National standards for under 8's day care and childminding. It sets out statutory requirements for all schools and settings with children from birth to five. We do have some information for parents from the early years and we will also be putting up a display and information board in the lobby area shortly.

T-Towels

On display in reception is the Positive Steps Nursery tea towel. The children have been busy drawing their artwork to go onto the tea towel. If you would like to buy one, please see Sarah or Anna. The price of the tea towel is £4.95.

The Big Waddle

We are taking part in the Big Waddle, a fun raising walk set up by Barndos to help raise money for unprivileged children and children that are carers to parents. We will be doing the **Big Waddle** around the village **on Wednesday 20th August at 10.00am**. Please come and join us even if you child does not attend on a Wednesday.

Pre-School

We welcome Mollie, Amelie and Jacob from the toddler room.

This month we have been talking about holidays and summer. Sarah brought in her photographs of her trip to Canada and told us all about her great train journeys through the mountains. She made a new friend – Mr Bear who was much bigger and hairy and had to be careful with cuddles as his claws were sharp.



Bertie Bear cousin – Benjamin has joined us from Australia while Bertie goes to visit the rest of his family. Benjamin is also used to journeys

and has so far stayed with Felicity and Mollie and shared their holiday photos.

Our book of the month is the 'Animal Train' by Christopher Wormell, which we all loved. Mrs Walrus, Mr Bear and Mrs Elephant caught the little train at different stations and went into town to do their shopping. The train driver was cross and said "they all bought so much it won't fit" but it did.



We have discussed different types of holidays and our big display looks at four different types of holidays – camping, train journey, seaside fun and also a cold holiday with snow!



We made a holiday shop with photo's, postcards, computer and keyboard and the world globe to choose where we wanted to go on holiday. We decorated the counter with pictures from all over the world that we cut out of travel magazines. We used a globe to find out where places were and how we intended to get there.

We made our own picture postcards and practised writing on the back.

Sports day turned out to be a lovely afternoon. The sun came out and warmed us all. The children were so excited and proud to be wearing their tie-dye T-shirts to take part in the races. They all had fun working together, winning badges, scoring points for their teams and spending time with parents and staff. We all enjoyed a wonderful BBQ. There was so much

lovely food. A BIG thank you to everyone who brought in food dishes.

WELL DONE to the blue team for taking this years Trophy.



On Thursday 17th July we had a games and picnic tea for the children leaving to go to school. The children were invited to dress up and bring a teddy. We played pass the parcel, musical chairs and a short game of musical statues which was funny seeing Sarah Cook stuck in funny positions when the music stopped.



We say a sad good bye to Olivia Murray, Jonny Hall, Freddie Fletcher and Luke Thomas; we wish you all a happy fun learning time at your new schools.

Happy Holidays to Marcus, William, Freddie P, Rupert, Amelie, Michael, Zachary and Fiona, see you all in September.

Thank you to The Croft Family for donating the fort and pirate ship. We had great fun playing with it and making up games.

The computer is up and running again and Sarah has found us some great CD Roms called 'Learning Land', exploring all areas of development through different games with 4 character animals. The games are 'Holidays, Camping Out and Treasure Hunt'.

Our next topic is about the Human Body.

Toddler Room News

This month's topic was transport – Things that move.

We all took turns to paint the Big Red Bus for our display board.



We made different people to look out of the windows, using felt tip pens and singing 'The Wheels on The Bus'. We have been talking and naming different vehicles and singing songs about them. We have enjoyed picture books and stories; we really liked the 'Little Red Train Journey', which took everyone to the seaside for fun on the beach. Maddie has kindly made a book of her holiday. We have put the book up on the display board along with the bus.

We have also been decorating our T-shirts for Sports day and joining in with pre-school for practice races.

We have enjoyed many sensory experiences this month including shaving foam corn flour, dinosaurs and sand in the gravel, water play with bubbles, painting with sponges and brushes, filling and pouring with dry peas and lentils. During the sensory play we mix water and flour together, we got in a very sticky mess.



We had fun helping Susan colour in pictures for our water table and making sure the pictures were covered with sticky back plastic to keep them dry.

We had fun finger painting making our designs for our tea towel, which has arrived and looks lovely. We also enjoyed music fun with saltbox music group.

Baby Room News

This month we welcome Evan May Holmes and Jonty Miller to the baby room, we hope you enjoy your time in the baby room with us.

This month our topic has been Holidays. We have talked about where we would like to go. Sara said she would like to go somewhere hot

with a nice beach. The children said they would like a beach and a nice pool to go swimming in when they go on holiday. The children have been busy painting and sticking to make display board with things they like to play with on a beach. We have got things like sandcastles, buckets and spades, boats in the sea, eating ice cream and playing with the beach ball on the sand.



Tammie wanted to go on a camping holiday, with some of the children using hands to make the trees in the forest they all created a display board of some people camping in a forest.

We all got in a sticky mess when we stuck some pictures cut out from holiday brochures on to some paper and put them up in the room.

We made postcards by drawing a picture on one side of some card, writing to mummy and daddy and putting an address on the other.

We turn the playground into a beach party when playing with the sand outdoors. All we needed was the water for the sea and we could have been on holiday!



During this month the babies/older babies have been dressing up and playing with the buggy's, and a baby carry backpack. Some of the babies have enjoyed pushing the baby around the garden in the buggy and taking baby for a walk in the backpack.

A couple of the children tried putting the babies to sleep in the cot, they gave up and used it for Row, Row Your Boat.



Happy Birthday

Happy 1st Birthday to Adam Dickinson

Happy 3rd Birthday to Amelie Denham, Jacob
Croft, Mollie Prior

Regards

Sarah and Team