

## Dear Families,



As September approaches we are saying goodbye to our Kindergarten children. We are looking forward to our graduation and celebrating the children's educational journey.

We have really enjoyed having a visit from The Point in Eastleigh. They brought props and puppets to support the story of 'The Gingerbread Man.' The children loved the interaction and role play involved. A perfect example of Yellow Dot working within the local community.



The following day the children went to The Point to enjoy the experience.



The whole Nursery (including the Team) were so excited to welcome the ice cream van. The children waited patiently for their turn and Needless to say everything went very quiet as everyone enjoyed their delicious ice cream.

As Kindergarten move on to School we are getting ready for the other children to move up to the next room. The Team are busy preparing the children for this and have arranged visits with familiar Team so that the children are fully supported to make this transition as smooth as possible.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the Kindergarten children and their families all the very best for the future.

Kind Regards

*Jo Samonig*

Nursery Manager

## Moving up

Moving rooms can be a daunting and exciting experience for any child. As it can trigger confusing emotions in us, a positive approach is important. Often children's fears will be around practical issues, but we should also be mindful that making new relationships can take time.

*What can we do to help?*

- Spend time with the new Key Person and in the new environment.
- Give children opportunities to talk about their concerns and to ask questions.
- Ensure that each child will need to be supported sensitively by all involved adults throughout the transition process.

## Diary Dates

- **Ice cream van visits:**  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August
- **Kindergarten Graduation & Cream Tea**  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August  
All Saints Church 2pm
- **Bank Holiday closure**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August

## Babies

This month Babies have been experiencing finger colour mixing while exploring with paint under cling film and ball play using lots of balls of different sizes and textures giving the Babies an opportunity to roll and feel them. The Team have moved the room around to support physical development and walking as lots of our Babies are now mobile. Over August we will start supporting the children with their trials in Toddlers. As always music and movement will be a big part of the Room routine, the Babies delight in our whole Nursery sessions which are now a weekly event.



## Toddlers

Over the last month our main focus has been around different textures. We have made a sensory board in our front room to provoke different conversations with the children. This has also led us to take a visit to the field looking for other things with different textures. In Toddlers we have also had our own beach party in the garden where children have brought in their own swimming costumes and had ice lollies and then have explored ice using cups and spoons. They had great fun! During August as an introduction to the children's trials we will be spending time visiting the Transition Room and talking about their new teachers.

## Transition

The Transition children have been very busy exploring pirates. The children have been practicing their fine motor skills to make marks to decorate our pirate flags and hunting for treasure in the garden! We have also been dressing up as pirates and mermaids with fabulous face painting from Jayde. During a sunny afternoon, the Team and children went for a walk to the Library to read some pirate themed stories. We have also been exploring opposites; wet and dry paint, play-dough and clay and warm water and ice. The children showed understanding of the opposites and were interested in how they are different.



## Kindergarten

July was a busy month with all sorts happening including a French Day where we tasted French cheeses and painted self portraits. We have also been thinking about School experiences adding in things to our play that the children will come across when they move to School such as uniform and lunchboxes. In August we will be looking forward to our Graduation ceremony to say well done and goodbye to everyone. We will also be taking lots of trips into the local community and continuing with experiments and investigations like our erupting volcano!