

Dear Families,

Well Summer is finally here. Hurrah! We have been taking full advantage of the beautiful weather by taking part in lots of water and ice play. The children have loved getting into their swim suits and splashing in the paddling pools!

Our Teddy Bears Picnic held on the 15th June was a great success. We loved having you share our yummy tea with us. We even had a special visit from Barney the Bear, which some children enjoyed more than others! In total we managed to raise £98 which is fantastic. Thank you very much for your donations all the money is going to a very worthy cause to help raise enough money to build a children's Emergency and Trauma Department at Southampton Hospital.

Plans are in full swing for our Kindergarten Graduation and Family Day. Hopefully you have seen the posters up and the parents of the school leavers have received your invitation to the Graduation Ceremony. We are really looking forward to it and are hoping we have lovely weather. I hope you can make it!

Some of the children have been taking part in Mini Professor sessions on a Tuesday and Wednesday at the Nursery. So far they have learnt about bubbles, volcanoes and lots more. The children have been thoroughly enjoying these sessions and we hope to continue them in September on a different day so other children can take part too.

Please continue to bring your children in suitable clothing for the time of year including sun hats, light clothing, swim wear and changes of clothes, and sun cream. Thank you!

Yours sincerely

Clare Torbet
Nursery Manager



Dates for your Diary

Kindergarten Graduation and Cream Tea:

Saturday 22nd July
11am to 1pm

Ice cream van visits:
14th July and 9th August

Bank Holiday Closure:
Monday 28th August

Babies

Huge congratulations to Julia on her promotion to room senior, supporting Emma in running the Room. This is following Alice's move to Kindergarten where she is settling in well. Babies have been enjoying lots of water play learning about filling, emptying, pouring and of course splashing! They have also been using the brushes on sugar paper with water to make marks. They have been spending lots of time in the garden exploring the balls and the slide and see-saw too! During July they will continue to build their physical skills practising with balls and more opportunities to fill and empty containers.



Toddlers

The Toddlers have really enjoyed reading the 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' story and re-enacting it out in the garden. We used the builders tray to make the mud, grass and water scenes and made a cave too! The small world pretend people have been another keen interest, with the children using them to extend their play ideas by putting them in the houses and cars. We have also been doing lots of water play, splashing in our paddling pool and painting with water, all to help keep us cool in the lovely warm weather. We are looking forward to doing more of this in the coming month.



Transition

In Transition we have been exploring measurement by comparing things that are big, small, full, empty, heavy and light, using different containers in the sand and weighing natural resources. We also went to the aquatic shop to see the different sized fish. We have been talking about growing and have grown broad beans, tomatoes and sunflowers. During July we will continue to talk about comparisons and hope to plan a trip to pick our own strawberries.



Kindergarten

A very warm welcome to Alice who is settling in to the Kindergarten Room very well. The children have been making lots of dens and then making campfires. This has been enjoyed both inside and outside. We have been learning about all things 'Science' based including growing and planting and learning about volcanoes in our Mini Professor sessions. We have been using the parquetry to make pictures out of different 2D shapes exploring simple symmetry and tessellation as we put the shapes together. Over the next month we are looking forward to learning more from Mini Professors and some of us will be thinking about leaving Yellow Dot to start new adventures!

