

Dear Families,



Welcome to our March Newsletter. The children are enjoying the start of spring, planting seeds and sprouting acorns in the garden and enjoying being able to spend more time in the garden after tea as the evenings are lighter

In February the children enjoyed learning about how to make pancakes, making their own yummy pancakes for snack and role playing this experience in their home corners! The Kindergarten children learnt about Chinese New Year and made some beautiful decorations for their room.

This month the celebrations will continue with World Book Day, we hope you will all join us by dressing up as your favourite book character and bringing a favourite story to share. We are looking forward to our Mother's Day Tea Party on Thursday 8th March, the children will be getting creative to show our Mummy's how much we love them, and we will be making some yummy treats to share at our Tea Party!

The children will also be exploring other celebration days in March such as St David's Day, St Patricks Day and Sports Relief. We have some fundraising events coming up too so please keep an eye out for posters letting you know the details closer to the time!

In April we will be raising funds for our sister Nursery in Kisumu, Kenya. The Nursery will be going 'wild' with African themed experiences for your child to join in with!

If you are looking to increase your sessions in September please could you let me know so that I can let you know what availability we have to offer you.

Warm regards

Clare Ashton
Nursery Manager

Storytelling

Storytime is a great way to introduce children to the magic of books. Ideally we should begin reading books to our children when they are very small. Babies and children enjoy books with bright pictures and simple text. While Babies cannot understand the intricacies of the language, they do enjoy the rhythm of the words. As children grow older, our choice of books should reflect their interests. Older children also like to be involved in the story being read. Talking about the pictures and what is happening in the story will encourage their interest in the books.

Dates for your Diary

- **World Book Day**
Thursday 1st March
- **Mother's Day Tea Party**
Thursday 8th March
- **Mothering Sunday**
11th March
- **Sports Relief**
17th -23rd 80's Disco
- **Good Friday**
30th March
- **Easter Monday**
2nd April

Babies

The Baby Room have been discovering different mark making over the past month. They have tried making marks with paint, using their hands and different tools such as paint brushes and stamps. The Babies have explored the sensory experience of mark making in different materials such as sand too! They had a super time taking off their socks and sitting in the tray to feel the texture on their toes! The Babies have been spending some time in the community this month too, they have been to visit the new estate, watching the diggers and builders and looking at the new houses!



Toddlers

Over the last month, the Toddler Room have been learning about the concept of big and small. They have explored lots of different materials, two different sized shells have taken their interest and the toddlers have been listening to the “sea” inside! This led to the Toddlers listening for other sounds in the environment, they heard helicopters and sirens in the garden and have been playing a matching game with farm animals and sounds! We were able to notice with our new knowledge of big and small, that some animals are big and some are small. This has linked into the children beginning to learn about Spring, and how the small baby animals grow!



Transition

Over the past month, Transition have been celebrating pancake day! They have been playing with different sized bowls and whisks and learning about how the lemon press works! They have been perfecting their pancake flipping skills with frying pans in the role play with playdough pancakes and then make some delicious pancakes to have at snack! Transition have shown an interest in space and robots, they have been making their own robot out of cardboard boxes and spent time reading “Whatever next”. They played in their own cardboard rockets and wore colanders on their heads as space helmets!



Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been developing various creative skills such as paper weaving, paper folding and scissor skills. We used these skills when exploring Chinese New Year celebrations by making various craft related decorations for the room. The children made dragons, lanterns and cherry blossom trees. We spoke about why we celebrate Chinese New Year and about the Year of The Dog and the reasons behind it.

