

Dear Families,



It has been a busy July with the children exploring the beginnings of summer along with numerous other exciting experiences. Some of our children had their afternoon nap time outside under the trees. We have also had the ice cream van visit us which everyone loved.

We would like to thank you for all the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers you donated to Nursery, in total we had 10,880 which have been converted into physical play equipment for the garden.

August will see us saying a sad farewell to our oldest children as they move on to the next stage in their educational journey. We will miss them all but are certain they are ready for their new adventures. During August all those children that are moving rooms will be having trials in their new room. This will gently introduce them to their new Key Person and surroundings. Please give us any feedback throughout this time of change as we are always looking to develop this process for the children and to improve the experience for you and them.

In Team news I am delighted to tell you that we have three new Modern Apprentices starting they are; Brandon in Babies, Melissa in Toddlers and Megan in Kindergarten, they will be starting their training with us and will move rooms every 12 weeks.

Finally, if you are going on holiday please don't forget your holiday rebate form.

Best wishes

Jo Parker
Nursery Manager



Some of our experiences



Diary Dates

- **Open Evening**
Wednesday 2nd August
6.30-8.00pm
- **Kindergarten Graduation 3pm**
Followed by **Cream Tea for all of the Nursery**
Wednesday 9th August
- **Ice cream van visit:**
Tuesday 15th August
- **Bank Holiday (Nursery closed)**
Monday 28th August

Babies

July was a busy time for the Babies. The ice cream van arrived, we ordered ice cream and we all loved it! We have been exploring foot painting and the sensory feeling of the paint between our toes. Babies have been practicing drinking from open cups at snack and meal times and pouring their own drinks, they have been managing really well.



Toddlers

This month the Toddlers have shown lots of interest in transport. They have been driving cars in paint and watching the different marks the wheels make on the paper. We also visited the train station and since then the children have been using their imagination and have been on lots of pretend train rides, with them choosing their favourite destinations to visit. Trains have even been the inspiration for the children to working together as they built giant train tracks in the garden.



Transition

This month in Transition we have been wowed by our Mini Professor sessions on a Friday. The children showed good listening and turn taking skills as they explored and investigated each activity. They have learnt about volcanos, bubbles, the digestive system, dinosaurs and fluorescent light. The children continued to explore dinosaurs and this has lead to exciting activities. At one point all the dinosaurs escaped from Transition and we had to go on a great dinosaur hunt to find them in the garden. We used buckets to collect them and their sizes of dinosaurs. Later we danced like dinosaurs which was great fun.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten's focus has been on summer! The children have enjoyed a variety of experiences, such as making a beach in our tuff tray and we really enjoyed the ice cream van visit. The children then created their own ice cream shop, selling ice cream to each other which resulted in a lot of discussion about the price of an ice cream! The weather has been a big interest to the children. Some children experienced thunder and lightening, and then created pictures and used instruments to replicate the sounds. We then moved onto making our own instruments which were brilliant.

