

Dear Families,



Welcome to our March newsletter. Spring is “springing!” and it really does feel like its bouncing its way into Yellow Dot; we look forward to the wonderful experiences it may bring us. February offered the children opportunities to explore the energetic and colourful Chinese New Year. It was a vibrant and happy time, which brought new experiences for the children such as dancing to Chinese music and developing an awareness of the culture. The children also enjoyed flipping the delicious pancakes they had created to share on Shrove Tuesday.

As we welcome March we will be thinking about our Mothers and those special people who care for and about us. It’s a time we help the children reflect on the many things our Mothers do for us and celebrate this together.

The Yellow Dot children enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with us and dressing up as their favourite book character for World Book Day, this brought much laughter and fun to the Nursery as well as continuing our love of stories and books.



Best wishes

Lynne Carrigan
Nursery Manager

Block Play

Blocks are tools with which children can design, create, build think, solve problems, imagine, communicate and reflect. Their simplicity allows for a myriad of different creative combinations, and children can use blocks according to their experience and development. There is no set way of using them, just many possibilities. Blocks can give insights into the form and design of the built environment, including architectural features such as columns and arches. Here at Yellow Dot we have a progression of block play through the rooms and our children really do make some incredible structures by the time they reach Kindergarten.

Dates for your diary

- **Mothing Sunday**
11th March
- **St Patricks Day**
17th March
- **Daylight Saving Time**
25th March
- **Red Nose Day**
24th March
- **Nursery Closed**
Friday 30th March &
Monday 2nd April

Babies

In Babies we have been exploring a variety of sensory play experiences. We began by exploring textured painting, helping the children to feel the paints and talk about the colours. We also created some inviting treasure baskets and sensory bottles which the Babies have enjoyed shaking to see the shapes and colours move inside, this led to making our very own musical shakers. The Babies sense of taste was well catered for when sharing yummy pancakes with the Team. During March we look forward to sharing our favourite stories for World Book Day and a visit to the Library.



Toddlers

During February we loved eating pancakes to celebrate the start of Lent. We also enjoyed experiencing elements of Chinese New Year and enjoyed the different flavours during our Chinese tea time. During March we will continue to enhance our love of books and story telling as we celebrate World Book Day with dressing up and sharing those precious story time sessions. We are also very much looking forward to Spring arriving as the Toddlers will spend lots of time outside.



Transition

Fairy-tales gave us some fantastic experiences for the children during February. They enjoyed discovering the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Jack and The Beanstalk' which brought much discussion. The children planted their own beans and also created a Market Stall. We all enjoyed a trip to Southampton Common where we explored the Park and its amazing sand and water area. Around Valentine's Day we investigated heart shapes and talked about people in our lives who we love and where our heart is in our body.



Kindergarten

The children enjoyed cooking during February and made delicious pancakes, we took a trip out to Waitrose to buy all the ingredients we needed which was fun, Valentine's Day gave opportunities for cooking as well! The children made yummy chocolate hearts alongside cards for the people they love, which of course were designed by themselves. The colourful Festival of Chinese New Year also came in February this year and the children enjoyed learning about the culture behind the Festival. During March we will be thinking about and saying thank you to our wonderful Mothers. Spring is round the corner and we look forward to welcoming the warmer days and observing how plants, vegetables and herbs grown. We will use some of them in our cooking later in the year!

