

Dear Families,



Welcome to our May Newsletter.

What a lovely April we have had, the sun has been shining and there are signs of summer emerging. Please may I take this opportunity to remind you to bring in a sealed sun cream and sunhat for your child/ren so we can continue to use our outdoor space.

What a busy place the Nursery was in April, Carly our new Deputy has settled in well and is being thoroughly inducted by Vicky alongside forming bonds with the children within the transition room.

Throughout the Nursery, music can be heard as the Team have introduced some Spring songs to the children and the whole Nursery have really enjoyed bopping along to the tunes.

Benjamin Bear our home to Nursery link bear has been on two adventures already. He has travelled to Canada with Vicky then onto to Disneyland with one of our Kindergarten children. I wonder where his next adventure will be?!

Celebrating different cultures and languages has been a focus here with dual language books being explored by the children and the Toddlers in particular have enjoyed our multicultural lullaby CD.

I'm sure May will bring lots more exciting summer experiences.

Best wishes

Charlotte Tubbs
Nursery Manager

Comings and goings

Carly has joined us as transition room manager and will take on the deputy once Vicky has moved on in June. Abbie has started with us and will be supporting the Kindergarten room during the last term before the children go off to 'Big School'. Nicole and Rafia who are part of our lunch time team have decided they want to have more interaction with the children and will be supporting the baby room for two full days a week.

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 27th May Bank holiday** we are closed
- **Wednesday 7th August** Kindergarten Graduation



Babies

Babies have been focusing a lot on physical development with lots of experiences to enable the children to enhance their fine motor skills like dabbing and printing. We have offered opportunities for our Babies to enhance their gross motor skills through lots of outdoor experiences including rolling the large hoops and balls. This has been enhanced through dance and movement where the children can express themselves with some free style dancing whilst bopping along to our songs of the month. "Happy" by Pharrel Williams has been a firm favourite with the Babies.



Toddlers

Toddlers have been focusing on spending time interacting in small groups with their Key Person. They have been using the garden and the community entrance to split off into groups for small periods of time, they have explored stories and lots of games during this time. Toddlers have been building their muscles up exploring the obstacle course in the garden that they have built themselves.



Transition

Transition have been really involved in the growing process during the Spring months and have been really keen to keep checking on how the tadpoles are growing. They are getting really big now! The children have been practicing their independent skills putting on their own coat and shoes and during cooking experiences being independent in weighing out their own ingredients and mixing their own mixture.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been looking at how to keep themselves healthy through looking at healthy foods, this has involved observational drawings of vegetables and food tasting experiences. The observational drawing has developed into various other mark making experiences like patterns and meaningful lines. Graduation will become a focus for the children over the coming months so be prepared to hear lots of singing and talk of this and School!

