

Dear Families,



I hope you have had a great month and seen the fun things we have been up to on Twitter.

It's been a fun filled month celebrating Chinese New Year. Jo from our Transition room shared her stories too and supported across the rooms to bring the festival into all their rooms.

This month we will be having pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, so please see the rooms for what we will be serving with them and for permission for all the children to try too. We will also be supporting Red Nose Day with different things happening across the week including sponsored events, cake sale and a picnic tea for families to join us for. We look forward to seeing you there and look out for the posters to see what is happening each day. We will be splitting the money raised between Comic Relief and the Bright Foundation.

I have attached a copy of the current menu as we have made some changes. This will also be displayed in the entrance next to the door bell if you wish to check what we are having on a daily basis. There may still be some changes but we will keep you informed if this happens.

Parent Consultations are coming up where you can speak to your child's Key Person about their progress. There will be posters on each of the rooms doors with time slots. If you are unable to make that day, please speak to the room manager to arrange an alternative.

We have some extra sessions available if you need it as a one off, or long term. If you are interested please drop us an email or speak to me or Sammy. You can also send a request online via our website!

Best wishes

Becky McFarlane

Nursery Manager

Celebrations

This month we have had a great time celebrating Chinese New Year. All the rooms tried some cultural food including dragon fruit, noodles and prawn crackers. Kindergarten made fans and had a group snack where they shared the foods across the table.

We made our own lanterns, tried some Chinese writing and read some stories based in China too.



Dates for your Diary

- **Red Nose Day week:**
11th to 15th March
- **Bank Holidays we are closed:**
Friday 19th April and
Monday 22nd April
- **Parent Consultations**
Tuesday 30th April
- **Kindergarten Graduation**
9th August at 2:30pm

Babies

We have been finding new and interesting ways to make marks this month. The babies have been using their grip to hold paintbrushes, chubby markers and chinks, as well as rolling balls through paint. To celebrate Chinese New Year, we made lanterns and tried painting to make pig pictures. We will be starting to focus on our communication and language by using Makaton signs and using books to practice basic words. The babies will be starting to explore the season of Spring through sensory play and colour.



Toddlers

This month Toddlers have enjoyed finding out about and exploring Chinese New Year. The children made dragon masks and experimented by making their own black symbols like Chinese writing. The children enjoyed trying Chinese food where they tasted vegetable spring rolls, prawn crackers, egg fried rice and noodles. As we have started to explore the children's interest of transport, we have looked at lots of different things that "go", such as cars, bikes and trains. We have made roads on the floor and have used the cars and garage to expand the small world play. We will continue to complete transport activities such as making cars and transport vehicles using boxes which will support their next steps and develop their speech.



Transition

The children have embraced their interest in cars and transport this. We have explored their creativeness, imaginative and planning skills as they designed road maps on paper, on the table, and on the floor with chalk or tape. They worked together to make scenarios as they expanded their small world play and language skills, this included making houses and garages with magnetic shapes and blocks. We made cardboard cars and aeroplanes and created role play scenes which included tickets. We also continued our learning of Chinese New Year as we focused on the story of the 12 animals. The children made animal hats and had races with each other out in the garden. As we continue to support their next steps we have also started to play board games and parachute activities that develop their listening and attention skills and expand their speech.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten have continued to explore their Winter provocation through ice play, arctic small world, winter songs and lots more. They were very excited to make a snowman when it snowed! They explored the story of the Great Race as part of Chinese New Year and looked at information books about different celebrations and traditions. The Kindergarten room was transformed into a Chinese restaurant where the children tried different Chinese foods, they loved the Dragon fruit! The children's interests in animals and racing has led us to our new provocation, 'fast and slow', where they have been competing in different kinds of races and exploring different movements through animal role play.

