

May 2019 Newsletter



A Note from Gaynor the Nursery Manager

We hope that all of our families have had a relaxing Easter holiday together and let us hope that the beautiful sunny weather continues into the summer months.

After welcoming our new members of staff this month, Becca in Younger Toddlers and Bethany in Older Toddlers. I am pleased to say that they are quickly settling into their rooms by getting to know the children and learning our daily routines.

Now that our new **Procedure for sick children** is in place, we feel confident that we can provide a more timely response to the babies and children who become poorly whilst at nursery. I would like to thank those parents who have already returned the 'emergency medical attention form'. As a reminder to those parents who have not completed the form yet, please ask any member of staff who will be able to give you a blank copy to complete on the spot.

This month we plan to develop the Parents Information Board, which is located in the foyer. Please stop and have a look at the new information and I would value any suggestions you may have for the future.

I would like to confirm the dates for parents evening below:

Baby room – Wednesday 12th June

Younger Toddlers – Thursday 13th June

Older Toddlers – Thursday 14th June

Explorers – Wednesday 12th June

Dates for the Diary

Important Dates

Little Kickers every Tuesday

Yoga classes every Thursday between 25th April & 18th July with a break or half term on 30th May.

Sing with Ellie will be taking a break after the 1st May because Ellie is expecting a baby.

Fruit of the month

Strawberry

Veg of the month

Carrott

Feedback from the Room

A Note from Lucy (Baby Room)

This month we have been very busy celebrating a variety of events. We had a fantastic trip to the library where the babies enjoyed selecting their own books to bring back and share at nursery. We have explored many different activities to celebrate Easter, for example, Easter sensory trays, baking Easter chocolate nests and creating our own Easter cards.

To celebrate world health day we have been practicing our teeth brushing on the toy dolls, tasting and making our own fruit smoothies.

We have all loved the warmer weather and have loved being in the park playing a variety of games and practicing our walking.

Next month we look forward to exploring the seasons, by planting our own flower and vegetable seeds. We will also be celebrating May Day by practicing our dancing whilst listening to May Pole music. We will also be baking our own blueberry cakes to celebrate national blueberry cake day.

This month we are saying goodbye to Zadie and Jessica who are starting their new journey in younger toddlers - we will miss you very much. We have also welcomed Henry, Dylan and Owen - we cannot wait to get to know you all.

A quick reminder to all parents/carers to please remove shoes or use the foot covers by the door before entering the baby room; this helps us to keep the room clean - thank you for your understanding.



A note from Sally (Younger Toddlers)

This month we have been so lucky with the weather and the children have thoroughly enjoyed making the most of the sunshine! Younger Toddlers have been out exploring the world around us and looking for signs of spring, and enjoying picnics.

We explored the theme of Easter by having a messy tray with hidden chicks and bunnies in which the children practiced their pincer grip using tweezers to pick them out, which was fun. We had other Easter themed activities such as egg rolling in paint and making bunny ears.

The children made some beautiful cherry tree pictures using various pink mixed media and we took a trip to Waitrose where the staff showed us the Easter themed table with various chocolate eggs and pretty flowers.

We have been focusing on developing our communication and language skills through regular group times and circle games where we sing familiar songs, play sharing games, share stories, role-play with puppets and use repetition of words to encourage the children to listen and talk. This has really been effective; and many of our little ones vocabulary is becoming broader.

We have welcomed our new permanent member of staff to the Younger Toddlers her name is Becca and she is currently in the process of completing her level 2 qualification - she is a lovely addition to our team!

Next month we will be looking at animals, the noises they make, the places they live and exploring this is a variety of ways - books, songs, animal themed activities and imaginative play.



A note from Bernadett (Older Toddlers)

I would like to introduce a new member of our team, Bethany, who will be based in Older Toddlers. Now that we have a full team, we will be reviewing each child's key person and allocating the staff member according to individual needs and preferences.

This month we have been working on changing the layout of the room in order to extend children's interest and enable more free exploratory play. As a team, we recognise that the physical space provides the background for the children's learning and development, and the new environment has already had an impact on the children's curiosity.

During April, the children have had the opportunity to spend lots of time in a natural environment, especially when the weather became brighter. We have been focusing on risk taking and encouraged children to climb, which helps them to develop confidence, and enhance problem-solving skills.

We have celebrated Easter and the children have used a variety of resources to express themselves by making cards and being creative. We used books and music to reflect and learn about this time of the year. We have explored different sounds and the relation between cause and effect. We used handmade musical instruments and learned about their features.

Next month planning is focusing on helping children learn about planting and looking after our natural world.



A note from Julia (Explorers)

Explorers have had a very busy April. As the weather is getting a little warmer every day, we are now able to use our outside area again and think about how best we can develop the children's interests.

We welcomed the spring with lots of Easter activities like making Easter nests and painting Easter bunnies. We also painted hard-boiled eggs and used them for Egg races in the park and in the studio.

For national "Walk to Nursery Day", we took the opportunity to talk to the children about road safety. We had lots of fun games and songs. The children especially loved dressing up as a traffic light for our walks in the park.

As we are approaching May, we are looking forward to more exciting new things and we would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new peg labels. Children are going to choose their own personal symbol, which is going to be used throughout the nursery to label each child's peg, bed, and on the key person display etc.

We are also introducing water bottles into the room; this will allow the children to access drinking water more easily throughout the day. Our goal is to make drinking water and staying healthy a fun and social activity. We will be providing water bottles for your child also labelled with their symbol. Alternatively, if you wish to bring in a water bottle for your child, we would welcome this also.



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