

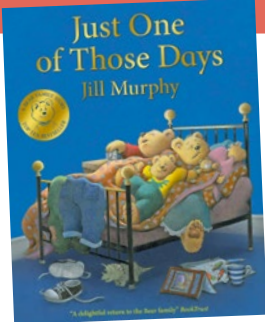
September 2022 Newsletter



Dates for the Diary
Monday 5th September
ProTot trial
Monday 3rd October
ProTot trial

Phonics of the Month
S and A

Book of the Month
Just One of Those Days
by Jill Murphy



Veg of the month
Kale

Fruit of the month
Blackberries

Notes from Sarah

Welcome to all of our new families to preschool. We are looking forward to getting to know you all, and to share adventures and to see all the children grow in confidence on the next step in their journey.

Communication

As we do not send the daily Dayshare messages, instead we have boards in the window each afternoon, with the activities for the day and the menu. After receiving feedback from parents, we are now taking photos of the daily boards and uploading them on the Dayshare app, so you can see the activities for the day from home.

We encourage verbal feedback at the end of the day and we will always inform you if your child has not eaten or has had a difficult day.

Lost property

We always tend to have a large collection of lost property at preschool. We ask if you can label your child's clothes as this helps us to repatriate clothes to the correct child. It also helps the child to recognise their names.

Rooms

We are now rotating the children up and down each week, so they will spend a week downstairs and then a week upstairs. Each group has access to the garden all day. With the younger children moving over from nursery, we believe this will help them to settle easier. We have ordered some new resources to ensure that all areas of learning are being covered upstairs and downstairs.

Extra – Curricular

We will be offering ProTot sports on Monday mornings. There will be a free trial on Monday 5th September for all children and a second free trial in October. More information and a sign up form after the trial. After feedback from parents, we will be offering a second day for ProTot sports if there is enough interest. Please let me know if you would be interested a different day.

We have the option of offering Little Lingos French lessons as an extra-curricular activity possibly on Tuesdays. If you are interested please let me know, as we would need a minimum number of children to start the classes back up.

If you have any queries please email me at sarah@elannursery.com or call the preschool on 01444 451970. We are always happy to take your calls and answer any questions.



Notes from Lucy

In green group this month we were focusing on what makes us unique. We looked at the different things that make us special, creating self-portraits looking closely at the detailed features of our faces, exploring our different feelings and emotions and looking at different types of homes that people might live in.

In yellow group this month we have been learning about around the world. We learnt about the water cycle, looked at maps of the world and talked about where different people and animals live and explored different traditions. We have also been learning about ways to take care of our planet, in particular how to save the animals and the importance of recycling.

We have been continuing our preparation for the transition to big school by talking about school and exploring this through role play and stories. We also enjoyed both the yellow and green group leavers parties which were full of fun and games, the real highlight being a treasure hunt a sharing a party tea with all their friends.

We have been busy out in the garden this month, helping to take care of the plants with regular watering and watching them as they grow. We were super excited when our first strawberry appeared and have been watching our tomatoes grow bigger and bigger! We can't wait until they are all ready for a taste. Some of us even had a turn at planting and growing our own sunflower seeds, learning about what they need to grow and their life-cycle.

We have enjoyed lots of small group outings this month to various different places including our favourite spots; the park, the woods, the library and Sainsburys.

Some of us also took a visit to the church, where the children were fascinated in learning about the organ and looking at all the different elements including the windows, books and furniture. Scavenger/nature hunts around the woods have also become a firm favourite at pre-school recently.

This month we have also been learning about books. We enjoyed looking at a wide range of different books and talked about the different types such as fiction and non-fiction, picture books, books with now words, and even stories written in different languages. Inspired by all of this, the children took part in opportunities to make their very own books.

Other activities that we have particularly enjoyed this month have been exploring healthy eating where we were learning about food that is healthy for us and food that we can only have small amounts of because it's not very healthy. We have been exploring the properties of 2D shapes and learning their corresponding names. We have enjoyed regular opportunities to engage in activities to practice and enhance our cutting skills. We have been refining our self-care routines and learning how to take care of and keep ourselves and others clean, practicing bath time routines, teeth brushing and hair washing on the baby dolls.



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