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## Nursery News

Since the beginning of the year we have had a number of new children joining the nursery and more are joining in the coming months. Due to this increase we have employed more staff to fulfil the children's needs.

### Welcome & Welcome back



Noemi who has moved over from Spain and has a vast amount of teaching experience. Noemi was an English teacher in Spain and will be based in our preschool room, supporting the children getting ready for school. With her experience, we look forward to seeing Noemi in action and all of her ideas, possibly with some Spanish lessons too!

Our other new member of staff to join us is Charlotte. Charlotte has joined us from a nannying background and has enjoyed travelling, spending a couple of years working in Australia.



After a year of travelling, we welcome back Sian on a temporary basis until she goes on maternity leave. Sian was one our original staff members before deciding to go travelling.

### Reminder to Parents

Please can everyone remember to arrive no earlier than their session time as you will be asked to wait with your child until the session starts and ensure you collect your child at the correct finish time.

Can you please place all of your buggies and car seats into the buggy shed located in our car park. If you are unsure of the code please ask a member of staff.

Unfortunately we do not have the space within the nursery to house them.

Can you please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing especially coats, hats, gloves and appropriate footwear and a change of clothing for messy play as we take the children into the garden and they have access to mud, water and various activities throughout the day.

### Upcoming Events

#### March to April

- Thursday 29th March - Easter bonnet competition
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13th April - Parents consultation meetings
- Friday 13th April - Vaisakhi
- Monday 23rd April - St. George's Day

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April, we are proud to announce that Rugby Tots will be offering classes here to the children.

Also as a reminder we are closed on Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March and Easter Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

## Bumblebee Room news

Our bumblebees have been very busy this month with lots of different activities going on. We have been exploring different media and materials, such as table painting, play dough and multicoloured spaghetti play. When we had the snow showers we brought some of the snow into the room for the children to see and feel, this allowed the children to explore with their hands and some children even tasted it!



On Valentine's Day we decorated biscuits for our loved ones and ourselves! We used different coloured icing, each child chose the colour they wanted and did a great job decorating their own biscuit. They found this extremely hard as most of them just wanted to gobble up the biscuit themselves – they did look scrummy!

To celebrate Mother's Day the children created beautiful flower cards using their hands as the petals and pictures of themselves as the middle of the flower. The children enjoyed making these as it involved a gooey sensory experience getting their hands into the paint

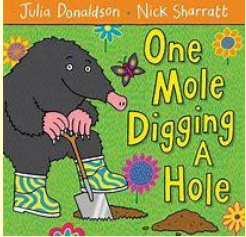


World book day was celebrated throughout the nursery with the children dressing up as their favourite book characters. We had Peter Pan, pirates and princesses. The children enjoyed listening to their favourite books at story time.

All of our activities that the children do are linked to the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Years). The EYFS is the curriculum that the practitioners follow and use as guidance for the children's developmental milestones. It allows the practitioners to plan activities and track the children's development. The table painting, play dough and spaghetti play links to Expressive arts and design as they are using different media and materials. It also links to Personal, social and emotional development as the children are sitting at the table together and taking in turns to use the equipment and the various materials. This also links to Communication and language development as the children are communicating between each other and adults using familiar sounds, keywords and facial expressions - whilst listening to instructions from practitioners. Events like World Book day encourage the children to explore their Literacy skills as they are choosing their favourite stories for the adults to read. Physical and social skills are encouraged and developed as the children are turning the pages and taking turns to choose and share their books with peers and adults.

## Ladybirds and Butterflies Room news

### Our book of the Month



In February our book of the month was 'One Mole Digging a Hole'. The children became very engaged with the story – counting along, starting to recognise their numbers, encouraging their participation as their confidence grew. As a result of this we saw a corresponding increase in the children using numbers spontaneously in their play.

We celebrated Chinese New Year with the children making their own dragons and taking part in a dragon dance.



At the start of February, we were visited by the 'Beast from the East'. We made sure to make the most of the opportunity – making and throwing snowballs and building mini snowmen.



We started March off with World Book day. It was amazing seeing the children dressed as their favourite characters and bringing in their special stories from home.



For Mothers Day this year we made special cards with flowers on. We planted bulbs in decorated pots to give as presents. We have really enjoyed hearing the children telling us about the bulbs which have begun to sprout. In March we also celebrated St. Patrick's Day. We celebrated in true messy style with our festive green, sparkly foam in the garden.

