



Spring News Letter 2018

Welcome.....

.... to all our new children and families that have joined us over the last couple of months. We hope that you have all settled in well and are enjoying nursery life.

.... we would also like to welcome back from maternity Kate Roberts and Charlotte Morgan.



Kate



Charlotte

P.A.G

The Parents Advisory Group is the opportunity for our customers to voice their thoughts, suggestions and be updated on nursery news, information and potential upcoming changes and events.

We hold a meeting every 3 months at the Nursery. If it's something you'd like to get involved in, please pop in the office for more information.

Activity Enhancement

We would be very grateful of items that you could bring in from home for our junk modelling and role play areas.

Such as... empty cereal boxes, washing powder containers, shampoo bottles or clean margarine tubs.

For hygiene reasons – no toilet roll inners please.

For Allergy reasons – no food containers that have had nut products in them.

Dates for your diary :-

Bank Holiday Hours are 8.00AM – 5.00PM

Walk to Work day 6th April - (if you can work to nursery with the children)

Wear Pyjamas to nursery and work 16th April - (all children to wear pyjamas to nursery)

National wear a flower day 20th April - (Children to wear a flower to nursery either in their hair on a top / item of clothing)

Sun awareness week 9th – 15th May - (please make sure suitable clothing is available)

National children's Day 13th May - (The UNCRF child rights will be celebrated)

Children's art work week 11th – 15 June (please share any masterpieces created at home)

World Music day 21st June - (If you have a special musical talent you could come and share, we'd love to hear it)

National Nursery sports day 25th – 29th June – (appropriate footwear please for races & obstacle courses)

Under 2's Section



Tweenies are doing a new display on how the children grow. Over the next couple of weeks' they are going to be planting a sunflower seed, watching how this plant will grow and seeing if it grows to be taller than them.

Our children have enjoyed independently painting some lovely spring photos with colourful paints, on the painting easel. Well done Tweenies!



Look at our Under 2's children dressed up, celebrating our welsh festive fun on St David's Day.



Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus!



Over 2's Section

Over 2's have recently been concentrating on People Who Help Us. Here the children were doing a painting activity, painting someone who they recognize that may help them.



The next topic the children will be focusing on is:

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL.....

During this topic the children will be looking at animals from the . Farm . Zoo . Our Pets . Jungle . Mini beasts . Under the sea

The children will be learning what sounds the animals make and the way the animals move using their bodies, their shape, size and texture. To link in with this topic a song the children will be doing is sleeping bunnies this will encourage the children to move like the animal using their gross motor and fine motor skills.

Could we ask you to bring a photo in of your child and their pet.

If you don't have a family pet, a photo of your child with a close friend or family members pet would be fantastic.

Here is a list of some of the books that they will be enjoying -: Animal boogie, dear zoo, brown bear monkey puzzle, rumble in the jungle and rainbow fish.

Pre-School

The children have been learning all about people who help them in the community. They have also been encouraged to use their independent skills to dress up as people who help us.



From April the PreSchool topic will be:

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL....

PreSchool children will be visiting the store 'Pets at Home' where we can have a hands-on experience with the animals. We will also be exploring the nursery garden for bugs, could you please support this at home and encourage your child to share their stories of the creatures they found with you... in your garden, on a walk, at the beach... there's so much to see from birds to worms, crabs to woodlouse.

Could we ask you to bring a photo in of your child and their pet.

If you don't have a family pet, a photo of your child with a close friend or family members pet would be fantastic.

Pre-school have been encouraged to look after Blue the Bear which will be sent home with your child and sent back to nursery.

If you take any pictures of your child with 'Blue' we would love to add them to his adventure scrapbook – simply email them to the nursery and we will print them out.

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Our new cook Carole has enjoyed getting stuck in and involved with the children making pancakes this spring time! The children had lots of fun being independent with mixing, pouring ingredients in and being little Chefs for the afternoon.

We would like to say a sad "Goodbye" to some of our Pre-School children as they are getting ready to start big school.

It has been an absolute privilege to see them grow and develop and watch their individual unique characters unfold.

We look forward to hearing all about the next big adventure in their lives.

We have been talking to our children about eating our vegetables and encouraging them to try new foods. As the nursery follows and supports the Healthy Sustainable Pre-school Award we encourage and regularly introduce new foods, children need to try a new food at least 17 times to recognise if it's a taste they like or dislike.

Eating healthy foods benefits our health and wellbeing. Introducing healthy snacks at a young age helps children develop positive eating habits for life.

Useful Information and FAQ's

- Please make sure you provide us with a pot of nappy cream (if applicable) and a set of spare clothes for your child to be kept at nursery at all times.
- If your child will not be in nursery for any reason we would be grateful if you could let us know by 9am. You could give us a call or send us an email address if this is easier –

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- For the safety of all children in our care, we ask that you inform us if you have authorised for someone other than the regular individuals to collect your child from nursery. They will need to have information specific to your child to pass our security requirements.

Don't forget to let us know if you want to change your child's collection password.

- As you have all had letters staff members will now be letting you in and out of the building.
- As of April 2018 there has been an increase to the nursery fees and letters have been sent out and information displayed around the nursery.
- Payments - May we respectfully remind you that payment of nursery fees are due by the 7th of the month, payments after this date will incur a late fee charge of £20. Persistent late payment of fees could result in exclusion.
- Childcare Vouchers - We would like to remind all parents to make sure that their vouchers are being completed and transferred to reach us by no later than the 7th of the month for the month in advance. Voucher payments can take up to 10 working days to reach our account after the date you have actioned the transfer.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all of you for your continued support and for recommending us to friends, family and colleagues.