

WELCOME TO SPRING/SUMMER

Nursery News

Welcome to the spring term and the first newsletter of 2019. How lovely it is to see some Daffodils growing and a little bit of sunshine making an appearance. We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and are settling well into the new year. We have certainly enjoyed ourselves here at the Princess of Wales Day Nursery with lots of exciting opportunities to develop, crafts, fun days and outings.

We have had a few changes to the staff at the nursery. We have welcomed Kasey into our under two's room as the new supervisor. She is settling in very well into her new role, bringing some wonderful experiences for the children. We would also like to inform you that Flo has decided to stay with us here at the nursery, we are very happy to have her remain as part of the team.

We want to say congratulations to Leah and Amy for completing their Level 5. You have both worked very hard to complete this.

Welly Wednesdays

Over the spring term we will be dedicating each Wednesday to our garden area and getting the children involved in gardening, planting and enjoying the outside environment. Please could you ensure your child has a suitable pair of wellies on these days.

Snow Day

We thoroughly enjoyed our little sprinkle of snow this year at the nursery. We made the most of what we had with snow themed tough spots, snowman building and walks in our wellies.

Special Dates

Half term — 25th February - 1st March

1st March— St David's Day (Children can dress up in traditional costumes or rugby football/kit)

5th March— Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday (Pancakes)

7th March — World book day (Dress up as your favourite book character)

15th March—Red Nose Day (Red Nose Day party and party clothes)

8th April - 22nd April — Easter half term (Please book via a member of staff for playscheme or extra places)

10th April—Parent's evening (Please book in a time slot with your child's key worker)

19th April—Good Friday (Please let us know if you will not be in on this day)

22nd April — Easter Monday (CLOSED)





St Dwynwen's Day

We celebrated this special day with lots of sensory activities and heart themed crafts. We also made special playdough and did some fabulous paintings.

Valentines Day

On Valentines day we made some amazing heart shaped biscuits that tasted wonderful. The under two's had red sensory play and we made heart shaped necklaces with pipe cleaners.

Chinese New Year

For Chinese New Year celebrations this year, we were very lucky to have Tatiana cook us some traditional Chinese foods. We really enjoyed learning to use the chopsticks with our meals but it was very hard to grasp.



The Fire Engine

This term, the Toddlers and Pre-school sections of the nursery will be learning all about the people who help us. We have been looking at the fire brigade and what firefighters do. We were very lucky to have a visit from the local fire station and they even brought the fire engine! We all got to sit inside and play the sirens as well as look at all the equipment that they use. We also made our very own fire engines. The firemen also said that we could go to visit their station very soon. How exciting.

The Post Office

We have also been learning how to write and post our very own letters. We have our own Post Office role play area at nursery and love to practice our writing skills. We wrote our own letters and put them into envelopes and went on an adventure to the local post office. We bought some stamps from behind the desk and each stuck them onto our letters. We then posted our letters to our families. I'm sure those who received their letters were thrilled with the children's work.



Nursing home

We have been taking regular trips to our local nursing home, to help build relationships within the community but to also bring some smiles to the residents faces. We have enjoyed taking the parachute for singing, which they love to join in with. We also take colouring, books and crafts with us for children and adults to enjoy on the day. We have been given some lovely feedback and the children really enjoy visiting.



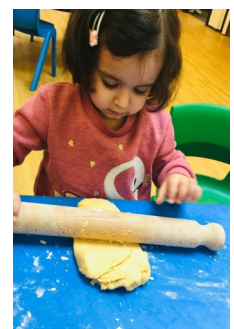
Under Twos

The under two's have been extremely busy. Over the winter period they enjoyed exploring in the snow and being outside in the garden in their wet suits. They used (toy) hammers to break the dinosaurs free from the ice rocks, have been exploring food messy play and making beautiful pieces of artwork for their books and displays. We are really enjoying getting to know our daily routines by joining in with circle and song time and understanding when mealtimes and sleep times are nearly ready. We have also been practising our matching and pre-writing skills using picture cards and dot to dot activities. How lovely.



Try it at home

Why not try making these lovely fruit and vegetable animals to brighten up lunchtime. What a fabulous snack idea. Using celery or cucumber sticks cut into slices, filled with cream cheese or hummus and topped with grapes, blueberries, kiwi or cherry tomatoes. These googly eyes are available ready made in home bargains or local supermarkets or can be made with simple white and black icing.



St David's Day

What a lovely turn out we had of staff and children dressing up in our traditional Welsh costume or rugby outfits. We had some lovely themed tuff trays, arts and crafts and we tried some cawl and Welsh cakes.



Playscheme trip

The playscheme and pre-school children went to Bryngarw woods for a nature walk. They enjoyed the fresh air, went on a nature hunt and played at the park with the 'big slide'.



We all dressed up in our 'play gear' and enjoyed splashing in muddy puddles. We found some very deep ones and a little pond too!

World book day

We love a good reason to dress up here at the Princess of Wales Day nursery. For world book day we dressed up as our favourite characters and had lots of stories and discussions about our favourite books. The staff dressed up as the dogs from 100 and 1 Dalmatians!



World frog day



St Patricks Day



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