



Spring Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the Spring term. We would like to say a big hello to all of our new children and their families. We appreciate that these times are very strange and trying for you all. But we can assure you that the children have a wonderful time exploring all the different activities and resources on offer.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a very warm welcome to our new toddler supervisor Sophie. Sophie is settling in well into her new role whilst getting to know the children and staff. Sophie has lots of idea for the room and cannot wait to put her own stamp on it.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a very warm welcome to our new cook Nicola. Nicola is an experienced cook who has recently joined us. Nicola has worked in the catering sector for many years!

Nicola has enjoyed getting to know staff and children and cannot wait to start cooking her own menu's

Important Dates

March

11-20th British Science Week

17th St Patricks Day

18th Holi, India (Arrival of Spring) colourful colours

22nd World Water Day

25th Purple Day (Epilepsy)

27th Mothers Day

April

National Pet Month

15th Easter Bonnet Parade

25th St George's Day

29th International Dance Day

May

National Walking Month

2nd Walking for charity 'Talking Hands'

12th International Nurses Day

18th National Numeracy Day

23rd - 27th Walking for the charity 'Talking Hands'

COVID-19

We would again like to thank you for your continued support through the ongoing pandemic, Guidelines and procedures are changing regularly and we appreciate all of your patience with all the procedures that we continually update and put into place. We are continuing to follow the government guidelines closely and will keep you all updated with any changes that may need to be made through the Family App. We are still continuing to do temperature checks daily on children and staff who enter the premises. The children have adapted to this procedure and have been wonderful in helping the smooth running of the nursery. We would like to remind you that if any temperature exceeds 37.8 then the persons will not be able to enter the building that day. Also if your child has a temperature they would not be allowed into the setting for 48 hours. We still have a fogging machine in all of our schoolhouse sites which is used weekly to ensure extra measures are taken to eliminate any potential risks.

If you or your child is showing any symptoms of COVID-19, we kindly ask that you do not bring your child to nursery and follow governments isolation guidelines.

These symptoms are:

- A new continuous cough
- A loss of taste or smell
- A high temperature



Spring days

We have not quite settled into the spring weather so please remember to dress your children in appropriate clothing for the weather, it is still very cold and children are using the outdoor more each day.

Under 2's

In the under 2's room we recently celebrated valentine's day. Our activities reflected our focus on Alice's adventures, we allowed the children to explore natural rose petals within their play. We had a petal potion tea party, petal infused playdough and lots more. Allowing our babies to explore natural objects allow them to connect with the world around them and explore their senses as they continue to be inquisitive and curious.



Toddlers

In the toddlers we have been promoting independence in a wide variety of ways. Allowing our children to prepare their own snacks and dish out their own dinner. There are many benefits to promoting independence, it ensures the children are the centre of our thoughts and feel respected as individuals creating the space for them to feel heard and listened to.



Preschool

In preschool this term we have loved learning about different techniques to paint!! We have experienced touching the paint with our hands and feet and we've even done a vertical painting out in the garden! The children loved running up to the painting and seeing what marks they could make!
Da lawn Preschool



Easter task

This Spring we will be having a variety of events to celebrate Easter this year which include an Easter egg hunt and an Easter bonnet competition.

For those parents who are creative or just competitive lets see what creations we can come up with for our bonnet parade....get crafting!

Easter biscuits



Preparation time
less than 30 mins

Cooking time
10 to 30 mins

Serves
Makes about 30 biscuits

Dietary

Make Easter biscuits the Mary Berry way: use half of the dough to make traditional Easter fruit biscuit, and half to make iced Easter biscuits in seasonal shapes.

By Mary Berry
From The Great British Bake Off

Ingredients

For the dough

200g/7oz softened butter, plus extra for greasing
150g/5½oz caster sugar
2 large free-range egg yolks
400g/14oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting
1 level tsp ground mixed spice

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