



# Spring newsletter

2021

## Welcome

Welcome to the Spring term. The last few months have again been trying for us all. We would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout these difficult times and for baring with us through any changes and adjustments that have needed to be made. Hopefully we are all going into the new season with a little 'spring' in our step and looking forward to the beautiful weather and hopefully some days out in the fresh air. We have lots of lovely spring activities planned and we look forward to sharing them with you all.

We have become increasingly busier over the last couple of months so we would like to take this opportunity to say a very warm welcome to Beth, Aimee, Julie, Katie, Elizabeth, and Caitlyn to our team. Julie, Aimee and Caitlyn are settling well within the over 2's section and Beth, Elizabeth and Katie into the under 2's section. We would also like to say a big hello to all of our new children and their families. We appreciate that these times must be very strange for you but we can assure you that your children are having a wonderful time with us and we hope that with the addition of the Family app you are enjoying seeing their progress.

## Important Dates

17th March - St Patricks Day

19th March - Comic relief/Red nose day

W/c 22nd - Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal sponsored walk

29th March - 9th April Easter half term

2nd April - Good Friday (open as normal)

5th April - Easter Monday (Closed)

W/c 19th April - Parents evening

3rd May - May bank holiday (times to be confirmed)

31st May - Bank holiday (times to be confirmed)



# COVID-19

We would like to thank you again for your continued support throughout the ongoing pandemic. Guidelines and procedures are changing regularly and we appreciate your patience with the new procedures that we have in place. We are continuing to follow the Welsh government guidelines closely and will keep you all updated through Family should anything else need to change.

**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 to follow the governments isolation guidelines. These symptoms are:**

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

**We would then ask you to follow the government guidelines and get a test. We do ask that the results of the test are sent through to us through Family for our records.**

We are pleased to announce that the majority of our staff here at Princess of Wales day nursery have now received the two Covid Vaccinations which we are all very thrilled about!

Again you have all been fantastic in complying with all these measures and we are very grateful.

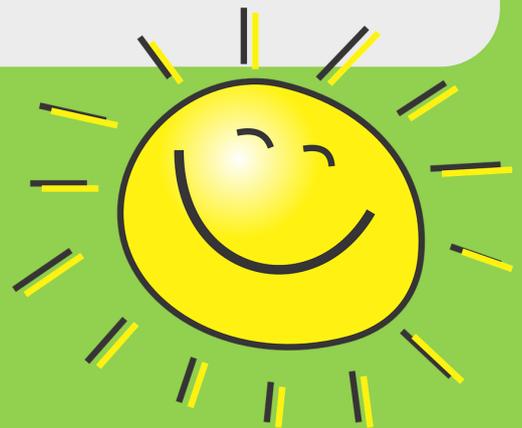
# Parents Evening

W/c - 19th April

Due to Covid-19 this year's parents evening will be done via zoom or phone call again like last years. Please request a suitable timeslot through the Family app with your child's key worker. There will also be developmental notes sent home with your child for your record.

# Spring Weather

As we enter spring and the weather starts to break please could you ensure that you bring sun hats and sun cream in your child's bag just in case Mr Sun comes out to play!



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## Under 2's

In the under 2's room we have been focusing on Spring themed activities as well as celebrating different themed weeks. We have enjoyed spending lots of time in our new garden and we cant wait to enhance it further by the arrival of our new outdoor equipment, we are all very excited for them to arrive. In the coming weeks we will be looking forward to celebrating Easter with lots of fun creative activities planned for our little ones.



## Toddlers

In the toddler room we have been bringing the Gruffalo to life, which encourages children to talk about themselves and their features. We have also been learning all about different countries other than wales. We have been learning all about Ireland through sensory play, cooking.



## Pre-School

In preschool this term we have loved learning all about the spring. We have experienced touching, smelling and looking at flowers. Our favourite activity was painting beautiful red tulips. We have also started to do mindfulness. The children enjoyed doing a variety of poses and this helps children learn about their bodies and the movements they are capable of doing.



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# Easter task



This year we would like to get everyone involved in a little Easter activity together. This year we are asking you to design your very own Easter bonnet for our little nursery Easter parade and competition. The children can decorate the easter bonnet in any way that they like. Once your design is complete, we would love you to bring it into nursery and there will be a prize for the best bonnet.



## Try at home recipes



For Your Easter Nests You Will Need:

100g Shredded Wheat

250g milk chocolate

2tbsp golden syrup

75g butter, softened

1 x 100g bag of Mini Eggs

Line a 12-hole muffin tray with paper cases.

Melt the milk chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a small glass bowl over a saucepan of gently simmering water. Stir regularly with a wooden spoon until the mixture is completely melted and glossy with no lumps.

Break up the Shredded Wheat into small pieces in a large bowl using your hands.

Pour the melted chocolate mixture into the bowl with the Shredded Wheat and mix with the wooden spoon until all the Shredded Wheat is covered in the melted chocolate.

Spoon the mixture into the 12 cases, dividing evenly. Use your index finger to create a well in the centre of each nest. Add a few Mini Eggs to each nest.

Leave to cool and in the fridge for 2 hrs.



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