



## Neath Port Talbot Day Nursery Spring and Summer Newsletter



### Under 2's

In under two's we have created a new interaction registration board, the children will learn to recognize each others faces which is a great personal awareness development milestone. This will be enjoyed with the children every morning.

We have also created a new natural area for the children to explore, this area has lots of different natural textures, smells and sights which encourages children to learn their senses, know the world around them and it's great for relaxation.

Please can we ask all parents to put suitable footwear in the children's bags when coming to nursery so they can explore the garden.

### Over 2's

We are focusing on the topic all creatures great and small. During this topic the children will be looking at different animals, dinosaurs, mini-beasts and pets. How they move, where they live, what noise they make and what's their favourite.

We would like to encourage all parents to share with us photos of your fun 'animal themed' activities that you have done with your child over the weekend, such as taking your dog for a walk, cleaning out your rabbit, mini-beast hunting, rock pooling etc

Please send them to:-

**[npt@schoolhouse-daycare.co.uk](mailto:npt@schoolhouse-daycare.co.uk)**

We've had a move around in the Over 2's section, creating more exciting areas for children to explore, which encourages child led play.

### Pre-school

Preschool have been having lots of fun exploring the new topic "All creatures great and small". They all loved getting involved and messy whilst doing the new display board in the room.



If anyone has any story books at home relating to the topic, it would be lovely if the children could bring them in to share with everyone.

The children in preschool are changing their clothes frequently as they move between nursery and school during the day, could we please ask parents to make sure the school children's clothes are labelled. For their independence we also encourage the children to dress themselves, if possible could this be encouraged at home to help with this developing skill, thank you.

## Welcome and Leaves

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 enjoying nursery life.

We would like to welcome back Charlotte Morris from Maternity Leave.



We would like to say a goodbye to some of our children and families as they are getting ready for big school. It has been an absolute privilege to see them grow, develop and watch their individual unique characters unfold.

### Date for you Dairy

Tuesday 30th April we have our parents evening.

This is a great opportunity for parents to talk to their child's keyworker and find out their child's interest and where they are in their development. It also gives parents the chance to see what activities are available daily with the resources, which you then may like to try at home.

May 1st—over 2's start Gruffalo adventures

May 15th—International day of families

May 19th— world plant your vegetable day

June 17th— eat your vegetables week

June 27th—pineapple day

### Health and Safety

Please can I remind all parents not to let other parents into the nursery building.

If there has been any change in your emergency contact details then please contact a member of the management team to update this information.

If a individual routine has been sent home please can you make sure that you return this as soon as possible as it has vital information for you child's keyworker to have a better understanding of your child.

When we have nicer weather, the nursery dose provide sun-cream for all children. However, please provide your own if your child has specific skin sensitivities or allergies.

**As spring is approaching us, why not look after our wildlife?**

**Here is a simple but educational activity you can do with your child at home.**

**The children then can explore the different types of birds they see, eating the food that they have made.**

### Orange Half Bird Feeder

Another fun project, this is a good use for those oranges that have been around a little too long. You will be using the orange peel to create a hanging boat for the bird seed.

Cut an orange in half and clean out all of the fruit and pulp. Take care not to rip or tear the rind.

Poke two tiny holes across the diameter of the orange, directly opposite from each other.

Thread a string through and secure at the top.

Fill the orange with a mixture of peanut butter and birdseed (or lard or leftover cooking fat) and hang.



At nursery we like to encourage children to do activities that they can also carry out at home. Recently we have made Elmer the Elephants out of Milk bottles. This is such a simple and affordable activity, the children loved it and were so very proud of their work.



In nursery on 21st March, staff and children celebrated World Down syndrome Day by wearing Odd socks to Nursery. The children loved it!



## Collection Times

I would like to remind all parents about the nursery's session times.

A full day session is not to exceed more than 10hrs per day

AM session finishes at 1pm

PM session starts at 1pm

If children are collected late or brought in early, it significantly jeopardises or legally required staff to child ratios.

We appreciate your support with this.

## Recipes

We have notice here at the nursery that the children are really enjoying the Chicken curry on the menu we would like to share the recipe with you.

**Mild Chicken Curry** served with Rice

### Ingredients:

Vegetable oil  
Butter  
Onion, finely chopped  
Chicken Tikka Masala Paste  
Red peppers, deseeded and chopped  
Chicken breast, cut into small pieces  
Tins Chopped Tomatoes  
Tomato puree  
Mango Chutney  
Double Cream  
Natural Yoghurt  
Rice

### Method:

Heat the oil and butter in a large, lidded casserole on the hob, then add the onions.  
Cook for 15-20 mins until soft and golden. Add the paste and peppers, then cook for 5 mins more to cook out the rawness of the spices.  
Add the chicken and stir well to coat in the paste.  
Cook for 2 mins, then tip in the tomatoes, purée and 200ml water. Cover with a lid and gently simmer for 15 mins, stirring occasionally, until the chicken is cooked through.  
Remove the lid, stir through the mango chutney, cream and yogurt, then gently warm through.  
Serve with white rice.

Sonny who isn't usually a great eater in general, thoroughly enjoyed his dinner at nursery and also enjoyed exploring his food. We love to see the children eating well.

Well done Sonny!

