



## Spring/ Summer news from Singleton Day Nursery



### Monday 5th April

Easter Monday—Nursery closed.

### Dates for your Diary in March and April

Playscheme will run from the 29th March to the 9th of April where we will be doing some fun, exciting activities including some easter arts and crafts.



### Parents evening

We will be organising parents evening for the **19th April 2021** where you will be able to discuss your child's development and what they get up to at nursery via phone call or video chat via teams.



### Summer playscheme

Our summer Playscheme will run from 19th July –3rd September 2021 where we will be doing lots of fun summer activities.



### Staffing News

#### **Welcome to:**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest staff member's to the Singleton Team: Amy-Louise Davies and Samantha Clarke who is based in our creative Toddler room and Alex Morris and Charlotte Clarke who has joined our curious Under 2's room.

We would like to say thank you to all staff and children for their help in helping the girls settle. *'Together we enjoy learning, encourage confidence and love life'.*

Also a warm welcome to all our new children and their parents.

**Staff changes:** Due to Laura leaving us to travel. Jess has kindly moved into the Under 2's section to help lead the wonderful team. Megan has stepped up as pre school co-ordinator and we have a new Supervisor joining us in the Toddler section Rachel Simons - Welcome to the team. Also Congratulations to Sam Morris who will now be the new Play Scheme leader.

**Congratulations** to Sian Davies, Abigail Membury and Jessica Rowe who were voted for kindness and appreciation month for all the kind and thoughtful things they do for the staff at the nursery.



**Nursery developments:** Over the recent months we have had new flooring in the Under 2's garden where they are able to play in all weathers safely.



Our Pre-school and older children have had funding for a new outdoor classroom where it will be used as an extension of the classroom.

The staff would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all parents for adhering to the nurseries guidelines.

As a reminder of our safety measures:

- We are monitoring symptoms and temperature checks
- Only one parent to drop off/collect from nursery whilst wearing a mask
- Carefully managing bubbles within the nursery sections
- Excellent personal hygiene with regular handwashing
- PPE provided for all team members and masks to be worn when away from bubble group
- Frequent and robust cleaning practises in place throughout the day

Thank you to all parents and family members who took the time to complete a day nurseries reviews we really enjoy hearing your comments and feedback we are hoping to be in the top ten awards again this year.





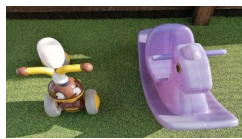
### Under 2's

Over the last few weeks the under 2's section have been having lots of fun learning about transport through a range of messy, creative, outdoor and small world experiences.



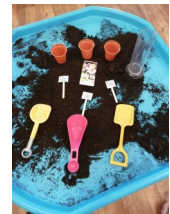
We have just started our All creatures great and small topic where we will spend a week looking at a certain type of animal from the farm yard to under the sea. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this topic which include messy play, animal hunts and real experiences.

We will also be spending more time in our new garden taking part in physical activities and small group play sessions "bringing the indoors out"

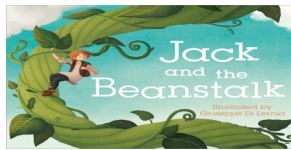


### Toddlers

Our toddlers have been very busy with messy play through our topic of spring. The toddlers have participated in a variety of activities from painting their own flowers using paint brushes and q tips, to getting messy in the mud tuft spots to help plant seeds for their mummy's for mother's day and to develop skills of how flowers grow.



As it is coming to easter the toddlers will be participating in a range of easter and bunny theme related activities from decorating their own easter eggs with the help of vegetable print stamping to going on a easter egg hunt in our toddler garden to find the golden eggs that Jack has left for the toddlers from the story of Jack and the beanstalk.

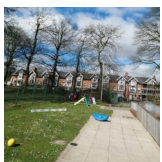


### Pre-school

Our pre school children have had their thinking caps on to help plan what activities we should do for spring. The children have come up with lovely ideas, such as going on a flower hunt, painting a butterfly using shaving foam and paint to create a symmetrical pattern. We have been very busy making natural material pictures because the children wanted to go on a flower and leaf hunt out the garden to create a 3D picture for their mummy's and daddy's.



With the sunny weather starting to appear, the children will be getting very active using their gross motor skills to participate in sports day such as an obstacle course, egg and spoon race and a bean bag balance race in the garden.



### Play scheme

In playscheme over the easter holidays we are going to be taking part in kings, Queens and Knights day, Blast into outer space, dress up as your favourite superhero, take part in a balloon race, create an easter bonnet and easter cakes, discover hidden treasure on our treasure day, wacky races on our sports day and finishing off with a Rockstar party.



If you wish to book a space for your child for the Christmas play-scheme sessions then please get in touch on 01792202900





## Things To Do Together At Home

As we're heading into the summer months there are lots of fun and easy activities that can be done at home. Here are some ideas that we know the children would enjoy doing with you:

- **Shape Monster Sorting**—Carboard, paint, googly eyes
  - **Ice painting**— paint, water and lollipop sticks
- **Blue sea sensory bag**— clear gelatine or hair gel, water, blue food colouring and sea Creatures.
- **Binoculars** —Kitchen roll, paint, cuttings, glue, stickers and string



Spring and summer is a wonderful time of year when we get to see new flowers bloom, bare trees grow their leaves and the sun stays out longer for us to enjoy the warmer months. You can go for days out to the beach, walks in the park. Look out for our wildlife and see how many you can spot.

### Ali's Nursery Summer special

**Scrumptious strawberry summer mousse for you to enjoy!**

#### Ingredients

- 12.5 ounces of strawberries
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup of whipping cream
- Extra strawberries for topping



#### Instructions

- Clean and slice the strawberries. In a blender or food processor add the slices strawberries and the sugar and pure. Remove 1/2 cup of puree and set aside.
- In a cold bowl add the cream and beat until stiff peaks form. Then fold in the remaining puree (not the 1/2 cup) gently.
- Divide the 1/2 cup of puree between the 4 small/medium bowls and top with the strawberry mousse. Refrigerate for approximately 1 hour or even overnight if desired. Top with fresh strawberries and serve.

Check out our Facebook page where you get to see an insight to what happens within our nursery setting!

Please visit our website for up to date information and useful child related articles and links.

#### Local summer events

With the current pandemic still upon us, don't forget to check out your local parks and gardens. Enjoy daily walks with lovely scenery you can go on scavenger hunts, bird spotting and just enjoy being outdoors.

#### Keep an eye out for events happening if relaxation of lockdown permits

9th April—Under the sea fun—Gnoll Country park

30th May—Dog show and family fun day—Gnoll Country park.

