

Dear Families,



Welcome to our March Newsletter. We have had a very busy month at Hedge End, exploring Winter and all that it brings to us such as frost and ice, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday. The children loved exploring the ingredients used to make pancakes and reading different stories related to them. They all discussed the different toppings they liked to have on their pancakes and helped to cut and prepare them where possible. They needed to follow instructions and recipes with the support of the adults in the room to make their own and before getting to eat them, which was obviously the best part!

The short Winter days are starting to get longer and Spring is in the air. From our windows we can see the Daffodils in our garden and we wait in anticipation for the Bluebells that Ian and the children planted at the end of last Summer. At Yellow Dot we have a Froebelian approach to play and learning and I was reading an article from 'Froebel Today' about the importance of the garden. "A garden is like a child and a child is like a garden, in the sense that they need caring, nurturing, feeding, and room to grow and unfold naturally. A child's world is also a garden. The family and home is where the nurturing takes place."

We would love to see photo's of all of the lovely things you do at home as a family. It is great for the children to talk about them with us, and to show their friends too, so please can you upload any photo's of outings or special occasions to your child's Tapestry account. If you are having problems accessing your account or have any questions please speak to me in the office.

Best wishes

Jo Parker
Nursery Manager

Pancake Provocations for Shrove Tuesday



Diary Dates

- **Mother's Day**
11th March
- **Sports Relief Week**
17-23rd March
- **Nursery Closed**
30th March & 2nd April
- **Africa Week**
16-20th April
- **Parent Consultations**
April Dates TBC
- **Photographer at Nursery**
16th May

Babies

During February the Babies have had lots of sensory experiences to explore. They have been exploring water and using their hands to investigate the cold sensory bags by patting, scrunching and shaking them. We had a delivery of soil and chip bark for our outside space and the Babies spent lots of time observing the crane and how it was bringing it all in to our garden. They also really liked trying new foods for Pancake Day and Chinese New Year.



Toddlers

Toddlers made a vegetable patch inside using real vegetables such as carrots, potatoes and parsnips. The children have enjoyed digging and 'planting' the vegetables using trowels, forks, rakes and watering cans. We have also been on our 'Out and About' mornings with our Nature Nursery Managers Carol and Matt. We decided to go to Itchen valley to explore their nature trails and parks. The children found the muddy puddles fascinating and got totally covered in mud both times, they also loved the Park there as they had a very big slide!



Transition

The children have been talking about, learning about and investigating all things to do with Winter. They read the story of Jack Frost and made their own ice to explore as well as finding some ice and frost out in the garden. They have also been discussing growing, as lots of them have had birthdays. They talked about their ages and getting bigger and looked at plants and how they grow too.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been finding out about Nocturnal animals this month. Talking about their habitats and what 'Nocturnal' actually means. They have also explored Winter and how this season affects us as well as animals. Chinese New Year was exciting for the children to hear about. They used books and the computer to find out information about the celebrations and our tree outside the office has been decorated especially for the occasion.

