

Dear Families,



Boogie Mites

What a busy month we have had getting ready to say goodbyes as well as meeting some of the new friends who will join us in September.

It has been great to see how all the children have progressed within their time at Nursery so far and to have watched all their personalities developing as I have got to know them over the last year. They all seem so grown up now and ready to move on to their new rooms. We will continue trials throughout August so please let us know if you are going on holiday so we can ensure your children have the trials they need. The Team from your child's current room will be going to their new room with them to help them settle, and in September we will have a room move for Team so they can experience working with different ages. Once Key People have been arranged your current Key Person will introduce you to your child's new Key Person ready for their move up.

I look forward to seeing all the Kindergarten parents at their Graduation on Friday 18th August and hope everyone can join us for a whole Nursery Cream Tea afterwards from 3.30pm. We will have scones with cream and jam as well as a bouncy castle and the whole family is welcome.

I just wanted to say a massive thank you for all your kind well wishes and generosity following my wedding and honeymoon. It was a wonderful day and not too hot which was perfect, especially for having a bouncy castle!

Becky McFarlane
Nursery Manager



In July we were lucky to have Clare come and join us for more Boogie Mites sessions. Each room have a session daily and Clare came to give us some new ideas. We also have a group Boogie Mites session in the lobby at least twice a week which is always popular with all the children as they practise their dance moves as well as singing and joining in with all the actions.

Even though Boogie Mites is special, we are still encouraging lots of traditional Nursery Rhymes too. If you would like any of the words for these or the Boogie Mites songs then let us know. You can also buy the Boogie Mites CD from the Yellow Dot website.

Dates for your Diary

- **Kindergarten Graduation @ 2.30pm, then whole Nursery Cream Tea from 3.30pm:**
Friday 18th August
- **Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed):**
Monday 28th August
- **Room moves:**
Monday 4th September.

Babies



This month some of the Babies and their families shared their holiday experiences, beach trips and days out. We created sensory tubes based around their experiences, created our very own beach and updated our family tree display with the photographs all our families shared on Tapestry. During August we will be supporting the children with their move up's to Toddler room through planned visits and group Boogie Mite's sessions to help with building relationships with their new Key Person and the rest of the Toddler Team.

Toddlers

This month Toddlers have been very interested in water. They have had opportunities to experiment with funnels, watering cans and guttering to transport water. The children and Team then went on a public bus to Romsey Memorial Park to see the ducks and stream. Over the next month the Toddlers will be following an interest in the Gruffalo story and will be going into the Nature Nursery to see what animals they can find.



Transition

Over the last month the children have been focussed on lifecycles. They all enjoyed watching the caterpillars turn into butterflies and then released them in the garden to their natural environment. The children have also been exploring ice, freezing and the texture of frozen objects including frozen flowers which they found fascinating. The children also squeezed fresh oranges and made their own ice lollies to keep cool in the very hot weather. This month we are exploring our new creative workstation, selecting our own tools and creating different marks.

Kindergarten

This month Kindergarten have continued to look at Kandinsky's circles. The children used the skills developed as an inspiration for their leaving gifts and made their own 'Kandinsky' canvases. There have been lots of discussions and excitement as they prepare for 'Big School.' Visits to Schools have been going well and the children had a great experience visiting North Baddesley School. In preparation for Graduation we have been practising wearing a gown and looking at pictures on our display of Team when they graduated. During August we will be helping the children from Transition get used to the Kindergarten room as we help them to settle and get to know their Key Person and the Team.

