

Dear Families,



February, as the shortest month, flew by with a mixture of Mother Nature's blessings. Here at the Nursery the variety of weather conditions provided us with wonderful provocations for the children's learning. Memorable to me were the Babies all wrapped up and enjoying a rainy day's water play, the Toddlers exploring ice and then having an ice lolly to enjoy afterwards, Transitions muddy puddle jumping and the Kindergarten trip to Minstead. What a fabulous real life experience digging for clay in the river.

As is the magic of nature, this mixture of weather has provided the relevant conditions for the emerging signs of Spring. The lines of Daffodil stalks announcing that Winter is coming to an end. This heralds for us a whole range of Nursery events to look forward to.

Following the success of our Bonfire event, we are happy to invite you to our Easter Parent event, guest starring the Easter Bunny, on Thursday 22nd March here at the Nursery from 6-8pm. As is usual there will be limited parking at the Nursery so please make other arrangements where possible. Please let me or one of the Team know if you can come, so we can arrange the catering.

For our Kindergarten parents we are aware this time of year is when schools are allocated. We shall be hosting an Early Years Foundation Stage evening to discuss this next transition for your children. This will take place on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 6pm. Again please let us know if you can attend.

Wishing you lighter days and Spring time wishes

Kind regards

Kathryn Jones

Nursery Manager

Out and About

Yellow Dot's outdoor manager Matt will be coming to us every Friday for six weeks to support Kindergarten and Transition getting out and about. This will involve getting out and about in the town alongside exploring the Moors and all it has to offer. We are so fortunate to be in such a great location we really can offer our children the best of both rural and city life experiences.

Dates for your Diary

- **1st March**
World book Day.
- **22nd March**
Parent Event 6-8pm
- **30th March & 2nd April**
Nursery Closed
- **W/C 1st April**
Parent Consultations for all the other children
- **W/C 23rd April**
Fundraising week for Kisumu Kenya.
- **28th April**
Saturday Boogie Mites Event for our Baby and Toddler children and families

Babies

Babies have been exploring all things 'wet'. This has involved some ice play, water play and time in the garden on a rainy day. They have explored the feel of other materials with a wet feel such as lotions and gels. Some of our Babies were fortunate enough to go swimming on a 1:1 ratio with the Baby Team. Five Babies and five Team went to the local swimming pool where a fun time was had by all. The Babies used their taste buds to taste pancakes on Shrove Tuesday which appeared to be a hit!



Toddlers



Toddlers have been spending a lot of their time in the larger part of the garden where the children have been extending their physical skills, this has involved lots of balancing and working out how the bikes work. The children had the opportunity to explore ice after finding some in the garden, they had ice cube paints where they could observe the paint spread as the ice melted. They even made their own ice lollies using fruit from our snack menu all blended up for a tasty cold treat!

Transition

Transition have been getting out and about a lot exploring all the different weather we have been experiencing, this has involved splashing in puddles on rainy days and feeling the wind on our faces. Spirals have been an interest within the room and the children have been using string with paint to create their own spiral pictures. The children have been introduced to a new form of dough called cloud dough, it is soft and smells delightful with the coconut conditioner in it.



Kindergarten



Following on from Burns Night Kindergarten had been looking at tartan which led on to exploring straight lines. The children have even been out in the community looking for straight lines within the environment. Exploring lines has provoked an interest in symmetry where the children have been creating symmetrical patterns and pictures using natural materials. As Spring approaches we look forward to observing our Spring bulbs grow and planting more vegetables and flowers.