



Dear Families,

March was a busy month with fundraising for various causes Team comings and goings and our first Discovery Day!

Thank you to those who joined us for our **Discovery Day**. If you have any feedback, please let me know as we will be holding more Open Days in the future.



In Team news... Kamila, Harriett and Stevie all started their maternity leave. A big welcome to Katie in Toddler Blue. Julie and Shannon left for other positions. We are currently looking to recruit a new Room Manager for Transition, in the meantime, Meggie has stepped in to help. The Kindergarten team is now Beckie, Rhiannon, Claire and hopefully soon, Chelsea. The Transition team is Meggie, Megan and Kariann, but sadly Kariann will be leaving us in April. Toddlers is Jess, Mel, Yasmin and Jess T. Toddler Blue is Katie, Lauren and Jade and Babies is Sophie, Catherine and Karla.

April will see Spring in full blossom and hopefully some nice weather. During April, Yellow Dot Nurseries will be holding our Annual Africa week to support the Kisumu Nursery in Kenya. We will explore African culture, animals, habitats, music, stories and food. If you have any experiences, photos, stories or artefacts and would like to share them with the children, please contact the office.

Kind regards

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Nursery Manager



Fundraising

March was a busy month! We raised £30 for World Book Day and £94 for Comic Relief Day and we also raised money for World Down Syndrome Day – thank you for your support.

Diary Dates

March 31st **Mothering Sunday**

April 1st **April Fool's Day**

April 10th **Siblings Day**

April 19th Good Friday and April 22nd Easter Monday, **Nursery is closed**

April 23rd **St George's Day**

Babies and Toddler Blue

In March, Babies explored textures both indoors and outdoors. They also explored water and sand and used different containers to empty, fill and pour. The Babies have really enjoyed lots of singing and movement with Boogie Mites and Nursery Rhymes.

Toddler Blue enjoyed the home corner and real life experiences including baking. They also used schemas to explore how things move using cars and water. For creativity they explored mark making activities, including collage and enjoyed lots of walks in the local community to the Library and had a Teddy Bears picnic in the churchyard. In April we will explore Spring and look at different plants and animals linked with the season.



Toddlers

Toddlers have been looking at lots of different animals. We have been singing lots of animal songs and using animals and prints in our artwork. We have also been looking at cause and effect through ramps and cars seeing just how far all our cars could go. We showed our parents these experiments on Discovery Day. In April we will prepare for Springtime and look at planting flowers plus preparing for the arrival of the duck eggs in May!



Transition

Transition have enjoyed exploring the artist Mondrian, using his artwork as an inspiration to create their own whilst learning about horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines. This then inspired their artwork for their Mother's Day cards. Transition have also been expressing themselves through various forms of movement and physical development; dancing to Boogie Mites both indoors and out plus practicing their balance skills on the obstacle course. In April we will be exploring seeds and how plants grow or decay without care and attention as they showed a great interest in the soil and seed provocation throughout March.



Kindergarten

Over the last month Kindergarten have been looking at African culture with a special focus on African dot art. This inspired us to create our own dotty artwork with a range of different resources including fingers and cotton buds. We have been branching our focus into other styles of artwork focusing on dots and pointillism. We have also begun our Mini Professors sessions on Friday mornings. These have been a big hit with the children and we have all enjoyed learning new things with Professor Ruth. Over the coming month we will begin to explore Spring as the season changes and flowers begin to grow again. We are also excited to find out which Schools we will all be going to and will begin our preparation for starting School!

