



Dear Families,

Welcome to the April edition of our Newsletter. Spring really is in full swing. The buds are forming on the trees, the yellow hues of Daffodils adorn the garden. The children have already been exploring the grounds and noticing the change and we have enjoyed egg hunts and creative Easter experiences not to mention a few chocolate treats.

I do hope all our Mums, Grandmas and Carers enjoyed their Mother's Day cards and treats lovingly created by the children. A big thank you to all the Grandparents that were able to share stories with us during World Book Week, the children thoroughly enjoyed having the older generation joining us and reading stories to many children, not just their own! Thank you to those who were able to attend our Winter Open Evening, I hope the Kindergarten parents found it useful having a teacher in to answer any questions and know the expectation of a child when going into Year R.

We danced the week away celebrating Sports Relief. Our parent room turned into a mini 'disco' for the children to show off their grooves while raising some funds. Thank you all for those that have given us donations, we made a total of £704.29p

We have a busy few months coming up, please look at 'Dates for your Diary' for upcoming events.

If you are looking to increase your session in September please could you let me know so that I can let you know what availability we have to offer you.

Warm regards

Maryanne Strickland
Nursery Manager



Real Life Experiences

In order to grasp a good general knowledge of the world, children need to learn through experience. Introducing children to different experiences such as observing Spring flowers, learning about new life or going out into the environment will help to promote development and understanding.

For example, by giving a child a real lemon, rather than a picture or pretend one, they have gone from using just their sense of sight to using all of their senses to find out about that one item. Consequently, the learning opportunities are far greater. Here at Yellow Dot we plan experiences for the children that aim to give them those first hand, real life experiences in a fun and age appropriate way.

Dates for your Diary

- **Africa Week**
16th April
- **ECP Individual Photos**
17th April
- **Ducklings Arrive**
23rd April
- **Hedgehog Awareness Week**
7th May
- **Our 18th Birthday**
15th May
- **Group Photo's**
19th June

Babies

Over the past month the Babies have enjoyed exploring the green and yellow interest table and have spent some time in the garden exploring the diggers and pots and pans. They have also been enjoying heuristic play, especially our metal heuristic play basket, making lots of noise. The children were very busy making Mothers Day cards and had a great time when some mummy's came in and helped them decorate a gift. The Babies have been really interested in vehicle play during March which they explored using paint.



Toddlers

Following on from our interest of 'Dig, Dig Digging' the Toddlers appeared to take a greater interest in the mud from the construction site so with World Book Day approaching we decided to base the day around 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We built a bear cave in the room and went on a bear hunt around the Nursery looking for lots of different bears using our own binoculars and on World Book Day the snow helped us feel like we were right inside the book.



Transition

Over the past month, the children in Transition have been exploring signs of Spring by going on walks up the lane to find different spring flowers and to look for changes in the trees, with new leaves starting to grow. This was continued by learning about frogs in our Mini Professor session, investigating the life cycle of a frog and observing some real life tadpoles! Some of the children spent time making special Mothers Day gifts with their mum's as well as all of the children making their own card to give to their mum for Mothers Day.



Kindergarten

In Kindergarten over the past month we have been exploring Spring changes within the environment, by discussing the colours of Spring and doing observational drawings of Daffodils and Tulips as well as making origami Tulips. This led onto Mother's Day and some fabulous experiences. The children invited Mum's into Nursery to decorate a magnetic tile with them. We also spent time learning and practising our Mother's Day song and singing it to our lovely Mum's.

