

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!

In March, we were busy with preparations for Mother's Day. The children spent time in their rooms making special cards, using skills such as printing and weaving. Thank you to all of the Mummies who joined us for a Mother's Day Tea, it was a great success and we hope you enjoyed the yummy treats! 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!

The children have been learning about Easter, they have been reading the Easter Story Book and learning about why we celebrate Easter, as well as joining in with egg hunts in the garden and getting creative by making different patterns with egg shapes and on egg shapes!

Lovely to see lots of red noses across Red Nose Day. Thank you all for contributing to a good cause, we raised £154!

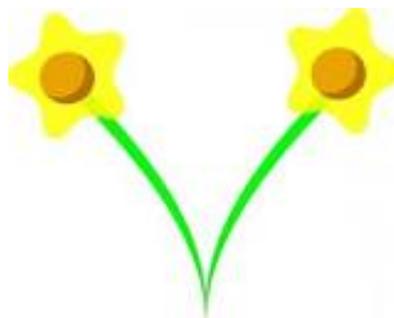
We have a busy few months coming up, please look at 'Dates for your Diary' for upcoming events. Concept Photography come in on Tuesday 2nd of April, if this is not a day you attend and would like your child's photo taken then please come and book in a time slot in the office.

If you are looking to increase your child's sessions in September, please 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

- **Concept Photography**
Individual photos Tuesday 2nd April
- **Boogie Mites session**
Saturday 13th April
- **Easter Sunday** 21st April
- **Nursery Closed**
Good Friday 19th April and Monday 22nd April

Babies

During March, the Babies have enjoyed exploring our St Patrick Day interest table and our rainbow interest tray. They have also enjoyed making biscuits for Comic Relief for our Bake Sale. The children have also enjoyed the song and story time session called Debutots. We have also explored digging and diggers in the garden and going on Spring walks exploring our local area.



Toddlers

Last month the Toddlers have been focussing on lots of different stories! Starting with 'Dear Zoo' for World Book Day, they spent time exploring a zoo small world tray and going on animal hunts up the lane. We even spotted a "tiger"! We also dressed up as animals for World Book Day. Following on from this, the Toddlers have now taken interest in 'We're going on a bear hunt', where they have been making bear hunt sensory bags to explore different textures. The children have also started Debutots, which they are loving joining in with the different interactive stories, the last few weeks they have been learning about Percy the Penguin and where he lives.



Transition

Transition have been exploring Pancake Day, Red Nose Day, World Book Week and discovering the signs of Spring. The children have had an interest in "Room on the Broom" story, so we incorporated this into World Book Day, with the team and children dressing up as Room on the Broom characters. This led onto Transition exploring 'Mythological vs Real Stories', looking at "Harry and the Bucket full of Dinosaurs". Transition have made their own salt dough dinosaur fossils, observational drawings of dinosaurs and dinosaur skeleton pictures. This month we will be focusing on the Spring season and Easter.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been celebrating Pancake Day, World Book Week, Red Nose Day and St. Patricks Day. They engaged in making pancakes and designing what is on their pancake. The children dressed up as their favourite book characters and focused on "What the Ladybird Heard" stories with the Small World Book tray. For Red Nose Day and St Patricks Day we have been exploring colour mixing, making play dough, designing red noses and hats. This led to Kindergarten discussing what Red Nose Day is and dressing up in red. This month, we will be focusing on the Spring season.

