

Dear Families,



Welcome to our April Newsletter.

It's so lovely to see the sun starting to make more appearances and the mornings and evening getting lighter. What a busy month we have had here at Nursery, as we enter Spring the children have been exploring growing and changes in a variety of ways. Our daffodils have flowered from last year and the children have been planting their own seeds in pots in the garden. Cress was a popular choice for indoor growing which grew quickly on our sun drenched window ledges.

Our pond area has been a huge hit with the children and some of our tadpoles have hatched from the frogspawn already! We have adapted the pond to enable our frogs to climb out once they grown their legs.

Thank you for your support with Comic Relief we raised just over £100 through our variety of activities.

We also raised awareness for the Downs Syndrome Foundation by wearing odd socks. Our Facebook post was even appreciated by the Downs Syndrome Foundation.

Best wishes

Charlotte Tubbs

Nursery Manager



Comings and goings

In April we welcome Megan to the Baby Team as Nursery Assistant. Milly will be taking on the role of Senior Nursery Nurse within the Toddler Room and we welcome another Senior Nursery Nurse to the team Abbie. Carly will be joining us as Deputy, and with Vicky still here until the summer we are looking at a smooth handover. Carly will also be Transition Room Manager supporting Laura, Shelley, Kerry, Melissa and Monica.



Dates for your Diary

- **Good Friday and Easter Monday we are closed**
19th and 22nd April

Babies

We have been enhancing the continuous provision for our older babies. This has involved small groups of children spending time with their Key Person in the big garden with the children in the Toddler Room. The Team has also been borrowing some resources from the Toddlers to bring challenge for our older babies. The mud kitchen in the baby garden has been very popular, with lots of soil play in various other areas being on offer to the children. Boogie mites has been popular with the children more engaged during these small group times.



Toddlers

Toddlers have been working on their independent skills, including washing their hands and putting on their own coats and shoes. The children have been exploring Spring, observing the plants in the garden and planting herbs. Toddlers got really involved in the obstacle course that was set up for Comic Relief, enhancing their physical skills and developing their confidence.



Transition

Transition have getting involved with the growing season and have been planting various seeds, from sunflowers to carrots. The children have been helping clear up the growing area after the Winter months had left it needing a bit of tlc. They have been getting out and about to find daffodils in the local area which led on to observational drawing of the daffodils that have been growing here at Nursery.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been very engaged with the tadpoles and learning all about the life cycle of a frog, the children have been asking regularly to observe how much they have grown. The children have grown cress and made their own egg and cress sandwiches, what a fantastic way to learn about how to grow our own food! They have been planting sunflowers and observing how they grow measuring the height of the stem as it gets taller.

