

Dear Families,



Welcome to our April Newsletter.

What a busy month we had. We hope all you marvellous mummies and other special people enjoyed your Mothers Day cards that the children made.

We have been thinking a lot about Easter across the Nursery and this was helped with the visit from the Farm for our 12th Birthday celebrations. The Farm was amazing and included the Babies having donkey rides and everyone seeing the newly hatched chicks. As well as seeing the baby animals the children have also been looking at the patterns on eggs and at Spring flowers. They used these first hand experiences to make their Easter cards. We hope you like them.

Thank you for all your help to fundraise for Sports Relief. We raised £286.90 in total. It was great to see all the children on their sponsored walk and wearing their sports clothing too. Guess the weight of the cake was very popular and a big thank you to Emma for baking it for us. This month sees Gemma join us as Kindergarten Room Manager. She will be starting here at North Baddesley on 23rd April with continued support from Jayne for her first few weeks.

The week of 16th April also brings Africa Week at North Baddesley. We will have an art gallery, be making animal themed creations and a cake sale as well as many more exciting things.

Have a fabulous month and a big thank you again for helping us fundraise so well.

Best wishes

Becky McFarlane
Nursery Manager

Sports relief



Dates for your Diary

- **Nursery Closed for Bank Holidays**
Friday 30th March & Monday 2nd April
- **Parent Consultations**
9th April
- **Africa Week**
Week commencing 16th April
- **Photographer**
18th April
- **Kindergarten Graduation**
At 2pm on 17th August
- **Whole Nursery Cream Teas**
From 3pm on 17th August

Babies

The Babies have been doing really well learning animal Makaton signs and the mobile Farm helped to support this too. Over the next month we are focusing on learning everyday Makaton signs to use with the Babies. We have also been focusing on mark making experiences with different messy activities including paint, gloop and playdough. These skills have helped the Babies create their Mother's Day cards and Easter cards. We hoped you liked our creations. Babies have also had a fabulous time getting messy with large painting and gloop. Please remember to add things that you do at home on Tapestry so we can use these interests in our Room too.



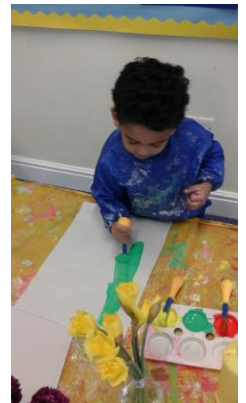
Toddlers



Throughout March the Toddlers have taken a keen interest in animals. They have been busy exploring and distinguishing between the types of animals talking about their different patterns, colours and habitats and the noises they make. We have been using paints to make animals patterns, experiencing animals in water and lots of animal puzzles. We had a visit from Longdown Dairy Farm which the children really enjoyed and since then we have been exploring our farm books and singing lots of animal songs. This month we will be continuing to explore animals and start to introduce spring by looking at baby animals, including having our own baby ducks in Nursery as well as jungle animals with Africa Week.

Transition

The children in Transition have been exploring Winter and had fun exploring the ice. We also had fun in the snow! We have now begun to moved into Spring time. We walked to the shops and had a look at the spring flowers, & bought some for our tables at lunch. Back at Nursery we did observational paintings of the daffodils and thought hard about the colours we needed to use. The children were fascinated by the Farm when they visited, and this prompted a focus on animals as well as looking at new born animals as Spring gets started. We will continue to think about Easter and exploring the local community following our 'Out and About' trips with Matt in March



Kindergarten

This month the Kindergarten children have been interested in the changes from Winter to Spring. We took a trip to the shop to look at all the colourful Spring flowers and even bought some to have on our table at lunch time. The children have also enjoyed listening to Spring poems and songs, which has been a brilliant opportunity to develop our rhyming skills. Moving forward we are going to be exploring patterns both inside and outside and creating our own which will be supported as we continue to explore Easter and look at animal patterns for Africa Week.