



Dear Families,

What a fun filled month we had here at North Baddesley.

We had an amazing time during Africa week with a yummy cake sale, cake competition and our sponsored drumming. Kwame was superb as always to guide us through our drumming with a great range of songs. A big congratulations to Mrs Jermy who won our cake competition with her amazing African themed cake. We have so far raised £136 and there is still time to add to it. If you have any more sponsorship money or other donations please drop them off into the office.

Debutots has been continuing with Babies, Toddlers and Transition where they do interactive stories. We are hoping to continue this in September so will let you know when we have the session time confirmed. The children taking part this term have had a great time and have been joining in more and more each week as their confidence grows.

We had a very successful Discovery Day on the 14th too with over 30 families visiting us to see a day in the life of nursery. Some of you also found out if your child was moving up rooms too and we will be sending letters out over the next week to inform all families if your child is moving up. We then have whole nursery cream tea on 9th August which will give you the chance to come and meet the team in the rooms that your child will move up into.

In July we have Parameswari joining us as Toddler room manager and Third in Charge, she is transferring from a Bright Horizons nursery and looking forward to joining us. Sadly Ciara leaves at the end of July to further her career, but we are happy to have Jake joining us as Senior Nursery Nurse in Toddlers in July.

Best wishes

Becky McFarlane

Nursery Manager

Africa Week



Dates for your Diary

- **Kindergarten Graduation**
Friday 9th August at 2:30pm
- **Nursery Cream tea**
Friday 9th August at 3:15pm
- **Room moves**
Monday 2nd September

Babies

This month in the baby room we have been exploring a variety of different mark making activities to celebrate Father's Day and Africa Week! The babies have used textured rollers and sponges to create different patterns for their Father's Day cards to send home to their families. As part of Africa week, we have been exploring animals and their sounds with many of the babies practicing saying the animal names such as, 'lion', and 'roar!' We were creative making zebra and giraffe paintings for our display of babies artwork. Next month we are going to be working on our independence skills. The older children will be preparing for their transition to the toddler room. We will be encouraging them to drink from cups without lids and finding their own place-mats at mealtimes. For the younger children, we will be encouraging them to feed themselves using their spoons, as well as helping them to communicate their everyday needs through simple words and Makaton signs.



Toddlers

Toddlers have been exploring different colours and shapes and using the skills they acquired inspired our Fathers Day Cards and Africa Week provocation. The children have enjoyed learning the different animals sounds and especially loved the drumming session with Kwame. Through the drumming session Toddlers have practised the concept of stop and go, loud and quiet. We even made our very own drums to carry on the musical fun. We painted them and have been using them to beat the sticks on to make a tapping sound. Some of us came dressed up as animals during Africa week including leopards, fish, crocodiles, and Sammy even came as a Giraffe!

We will now be moving onto one of favourite stories in Toddlers - The Gruffalo. We will read the story and the child can join in with some of the language, we will make Gruffalo foot prints and we can also dress up as the Gruffalo with our costumes!



Transition

Over the last month Transition have focussed on looking at Picasso and his self portraits as well as using mirrors to draw their own faces. With this they have the opportunity to look at the similarities and differences in their facial features, as we moved forward to our next provocation of All about me. We have celebrated African week by starting off with a yummy cake sale and competition, a creative Tuesday with lots of arts and crafts, a fun and noisy Wednesday with sponsored drumming with Kwame, a colourful Thursday with animal dress up and on Friday a day in a life of nursery. In July we will be expanding our knowledge of artists as well as preparing those children moving up in our Kindergarten room in September.



Kindergarten

It has been a very busy yet exciting month in Kindergarten room! The children have been busy preparing for big school through circle time chats, looking at school photographs, dressing up in school uniform and practising their independence skills. During African week, the children have celebrated different styles of music and movement through African drumming. The team and children loved having Kwame visit as they explored different sounds and rhythms whilst playing the bongos. They have also enjoyed transforming the room into an African Safari using boxes, pictures, animal hats and books to inspire their roleplay. They also enjoyed a range of crafts, including cutting skills to create our own snakes, mosaics inspired by African artwork and recreating animal prints using mixed media and freedom of imagination. We are now looking forward to observing the movements and changes of our Caterpillars, who have recently arrived and are busy munching away ready to spin their cocoons!

