



Dear Families,

Thank you so much for your understanding whilst the garden was out of use. I am glad to say this has now re-opened and the children can enjoy the fun summer ahead.

We had a busy month with trips out and about and some new children joining the nursery. We have also introduced loyalty cards for extra sessions. If you book 9 extra sessions then you get the 10<sup>th</sup> free. Additionally we are doing a recommend a friend incentive where if they start with us and attend at least 4 sessions then you receive a refund for one day of childcare with us.

We still have some extra sessions available as well as spaces at Early bird where it is a 7:45am start so please let me know if you need any of these. There will be signs on each room's door for the availability each week.

We were also joined by some ducklings this month which made a big impact. We were very lucky that they hatched within a day and the children had a great experience. I hope you enjoyed the children's conversations, experiences and pictures of the ducklings. I think the best part of it all was when they were swimming in the boxes were the children were fascinated by this.

Over the next few months we have a few team changes with Sammy and Henry leaving us for other positions within Early Years settings. Jo is going to join our bank team as her daughter starts school in September. Claire Hine will also be going on Maternity leave in August ready to have her bundle of Joy in September so we will keep you updated on how she is doing.

Best wishes

*Becky McFarlane*

Nursery Manager

## Ducklings



## Dates for your Diary

- **Africa Week**  
Week of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- **Kwame visit**  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- **Nursery discovery day**  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 9-11am
- **Kindergarten Graduation**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 2:30pm
- **Room moves**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

## Babies

This month in the baby room we have been supporting the children's next steps surrounding their physical and language development. During our trips the babies have engaged in parachute play and ball games, allowing them to chase, throw, run and crawl! At nursery the babies have used a variety of mark making activities to practice saying their colours. We have also encouraged the babies to share their resources to support them in saying, 'please' and 'thank you'. Next month we will be starting to look at the season of Summer using a range of sensory and mark-making materials. We will also be introducing the children to animal based activities following on from our duck visit!



## Toddlers

Toddlers have had a busy month looking at Spring time. We have been making the most of the fine weather with lots of trips out to the park to play football, pick daisies and have fun on the play equipment. We have looked at the trees growing their beautiful blossom and made our very own blossom tree back at nursery. We have explored symmetry art by making butterflies, which we have seen when out and about on our trips. The children were very proud of their art work so we made a big butterfly using collage pieces and glue. This encouraged lots of language, using colour names and some of us learning the concept of big and small.

Toddlers have now been listening to the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and looking at the life cycle. Alongside this we have been encouraging counting out loud, using the different fruits to help us.

We loved our duck eggs and watching them hatch and grow too.



## Transition

We have been exploring many exciting and educational experiences from artists, such as Kandinsky's Concentric Circle to Mondrian's Abstract squares and introducing the children to shapes; triangle, rectangle and making their own collages. We will then be moving on to Picasso and self portraits. We have been looking and touching the blossom on the trees and they had fun with us shaking the blossom and it snowing blossoms on their heads! We have thoroughly enjoyed watching our duck eggs go from eggs to ducklings. We have been outside exploring our surroundings of our village, as we walk round we have been looking for signs of Spring, have seen many exciting features around the pretty village gardens and playing outside games at the park.



## Kindergarten

This month Kindergarten have been exploring their local community, looking for the signs of Spring flowers and leaves. We have been practising our balance and coordination skills both inside and outside through visiting the park and holding egg and spoon races. We have been taking part in our yoga sessions with our supportive adults and are becoming confident with the different positions and beginning to think of our own. With the arrival of our duckling eggs, we have started to look at new life and different life cycles. We were very excited to watch our ducklings hatch and grow, and learned how to care for them in their time with us.

