

Dear Families,



Now the snow has passed it's lovely to see the first signs of Spring and the evenings drawing out. Firstly we would like to thank all our parents/carers who attended our most recent event based around Easter what a fantastic evening it was!

We have had such a busy month here with a lot of the Team taking the children out and about into the community. This had included another visit to the Dentist, our usual weekly visits to Moorside Nursing Home and many other inspiring places.

Our annual Fundraising Week for Kenya is fast approaching and we have planned a variety of experiences for our families to get involved in. This includes a Team vs Parent Football Match, a raffle and we will be offering tea and coffee in the mornings for our busy working parents/carers to take with them on their journey in exchange for a small donation.

We always aim to be better with all things we do and our charity fundraising events are no different, last year we raised a total of £379 and we would be thrilled to raise the same or even more. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for your continued support with all our events whether they are fun evenings with the Team or our fundraising events supporting changing lives beyond our Nursery.

Best wishes

Charlotte Tubbs

Deputy Manager



Shared Setting

Does your child attend another setting other than Yellow Dot? Or maybe your child has a nanny or goes to a child minder? If so please let your child's Key Person know. Within Early Years we believe in collaborative working to ensure we provide the best possible care and experiences for each child who comes through our door. This would involve us working alongside any other setting to ensure your child/children are receiving continuity within their routines and experiences.

Dates for your Diary

- **EYFS evening 6-7 pm**
Wednesday 18th April.
- **African Fundraising Week**
W/C 23rd April
- **Saturday 21st April**
Parent vs Team Football Match
- **Saturday Boogie Mites Event for our Baby and Toddler children and families**
Saturday 28th April
- **Garden Party (details to follow)**
Tuesday 15th May

Babies

Babies have been getting out and about into the community more and exploring every day experiences. This has involved a walk to Costa for a Babyccino which linked to a previous provocation of exploring taste. Mark making has been explored by our Babies which led to the beautiful Mother Day cards and Easter cards. As we approach Spring the Baby Team aim to provide a variety of Spring provocations and experience, we can't wait to see what this will involve.



Toddlers

Toddlers were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to go swimming this month, as before the children went into the pool on a 1:1 ratio. In this short time spent in the pool the children grew in confidence and a great time was had. Toddlers were also fortunate enough to visit the local Soft Play Area where their physical skills were stretched to the max. A trip to the Library with Matt from Nature Nursery has rekindled a love for stories and I'm sure this will spark the next provocation for our busy Toddlers.

Transition

Transition had a great starting point for their most recent provocation chosen by the children from a favourite story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. This has provoked lots of maths language within play whilst exploring the role play foods and comparing the foods to the food within the story. While 'The Gruffalo' remains a firm favourite within Transition Room and the Team have created a story bag of all the characters in the story which has enabled the children to recall the story using their favourite characters.



Kindergarten

During March the children in Kindergarten have been exploring woodwork using their woodwork bench, this has involved the children learning to manage their own risks and recognise key safety rules as they use the hammers and nails. Planting has begun in the garden and the children have been involved in the whole process of planting and taking care of the seeds to ensure they grow. I wonder what tasty treats they will be digging up in a few months time?

