

Dear Families,



We hope you are enjoying the lovely sunny weather that has finally arrived! Our garden is looking lovely and colourful with pots, hanging baskets and planting areas, which the children are tending to. We are also discovering mini-beasts all over the garden, giving us the opportunity to count the spots on a ladybird or to move like a centipede.

Congratulations to Lis, senior nursery nurse in Babies, who has given birth to a baby boy.

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing the 'Growing Readers' feature to our nursery, encouraging a love of both fact and fiction books in the children. We will also be featuring new books and asking the children what they like about them.

Congratulations to Alison who has been promoted to third in charge of the nursery. This means that she will have responsibility for designated safeguarding lead to help keep our children safe/

We have many extra sessions available and a new loyalty card scheme means that when you book 9 extra sessions the 10th will be free.

Thank for rating us on daynurseries.co.uk; we are now rated an amazing 9.9: it is lovely to see your positive comments. Please also consider leaving a review on [Googlereviews](https://support.google.com/maps/answer/6230175?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en).

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Best wishes,

Lynn Wordsworth

Nursery Manager

Garden Fun!



Dates for your Diary

- Consultations for children going to school; July 17th
- Graduation; August 2nd

Babies

The babies have taken advantage of the summer weather, using their garden and planting marigolds in tubs. The flowers have encouraged butterflies to visit the garden and this has allowed the babies to look at them through magnifying glasses. The babies have also explored paint, using brushes and dabbers on fabric and card.



Toddlers

This month Toddlers have been focusing on music and movement. We had a visit from Kwame, the African drummer, which the Toddlers were very interested in, sparking an interest in the musical instruments more generally. We have been making obstacle courses in the garden and exploring the soft play looking at different ways we can move around the environment.



Transition

Transition have been growing their own herbs and looking after them. As well as watering their new plants they have been playing with pirates in the water play, tipping and pouring.

Outdoors the children have had the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and even have picnic tea.

The children have been reading 'The Ladybird who Went on Holiday' and finding ladybirds in the garden.

As the children develop their fine motor skills they have had the opportunity to practice their scissor skills on different textured paper.



Kindergarten

In early June the children were visited by Kwame who brought drums and other percussion instruments for the children to explore. He led us in familiar songs and nursery rhymes, as well as introducing us to new songs and rhythms. This visit led us to explore African stories and to look at African art work and create our own.

Many of the Kindergarten will be leaving during August to go to school, some of whom who have been with us since babies. We are busy practising songs for the Graduation to be held on August 2nd.

