



What's happening at Nursery!

2nd March to 6th March 2015

The first week of half term has been very busy for the children and they have had lots of new learning experiences. With your support and the staff's preparation they coped extremely well with the change of base room.

Experiencing change really helps children to build up their resilience and to face other difficult changes more confidently as they grow.

On Wednesday the Life Education Caravan visited Nursery school and the children were all able to meet Harold the giraffe and Maureen. The children learnt about keeping healthy and about their bodies. Take a look at Tapestry and find out more about what they did. You can make a comment about the visit and let us know if the children talk to you about what they learnt while they are at home.



In Cherry room the children have had lots of physical challenges using soft play equipment and some new physioballs that have allowed the children to try out new movements and ways to balance. Outside the children have had fun in the new observation tower in the playground and have been challenging themselves on the bikes riding over the bridges and ramps. Movement and physical activity plays a huge role in creating nerve connections in the brain. These provide the foundations for all future learning including formal learning at school.



On Thursday we had our first visit from some Police Community Support Officers, Ian and Duncan. They talked to some of the children about the importance of holding an adults hand when near the road, the importance of holding an adults hand when crossing the road and what might happen if we didn't. Ian and Duncan brought their speed monitor and fitted it on one of the posts outside. They talked about how it measured how fast the cars were moving and what safe speeds were.

They will be back again in a few weeks time to work with the rest of the children.

In Oak room the children have been improving their fine motor skills with activities that strengthen the muscles in their fingers and thumbs and develops their hand eye coordination. Great preparation for writing and drawing!! They have been counting and making patterns too using beads and other items. Talking about patterns and using interesting objects to count and sort helps to develop children's mathematical language.

School fund.

Please remember to make a contribution to school fund each week. If you are able to pay £1.00 per week this money really helps us to provide fruit juice and drinks for the cafe, cooking ingredients, and other extra resources.

Please collect your children on time from Nursery school. Your child will be upset if they are late being collected and staff have meetings and planning to undertake after school and they are delayed if there are children still left.

If you are running late you MUST call and let us know **0121 675 3408**

Please let us know if you have changed your mobile numbers so that we always have an up to date contact number in the event of an emergency we must be able to get hold of you in case important decisions have to be made for your child's care and treatment.

Fruit for the café

Please can children in

Caterpillars

bring in a few pieces of fruit this week to share in the café?

Next week it will be
the turn of

Butterflies



Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March The Language Alive Play House will be coming in to Nursery to present the story "By the riverbank" to the children.

Wednesday 11th March - 10.45am:- Mother's Day Concert for children in Butterflies(Monday- Wednesday group) Ladybirds, Hedgehogs and Squirrels

Friday 13th March - 2.00pm:- Mother's Day Concert for the children in Rabbits, Caterpillars, Butterflies (full time and Wed- Fri), Woodpeckers, Robins and Owls.

Week beginning Monday 16th March Parent Consultations will be taking place
More details to follow.

Monday 23rd March to Friday 30th March - Topstart sessions for parents. Details to follow.

Friday 27th March - last day of term. Nursery School is closed from

Monday 30th March until Tuesday 14th April. (Monday 13th is a Teacher training day and Nursery school is closed.)

Thursday 7th May Nursery school will be closed for the Local and General Elections

Advanced notice

Wednesday 20th May Nursery school will be closed for induction sessions for new children starting with us in September 2015.