

Newsletter

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Wow—we are already half way through the year, where have those months gone? Six months in a babies / child's life is huge in terms of their development. Maybe since the start of the year your child has started to talk, walk or even learned to write their name! These milestones are such wonderful memories to treasure. One minute you have a tiny baby in your arms, rocking them to sleep, then you blink and the next thing their independent character is starting show. It's lovely to watch them grow here at Nursery too. At first arriving in the car seat, then being carried into the class room, next onto walking in and out of Nursery (and messing with the lock or post basket on our front door) and then wanting to help unlock the front door! Obviously security measures are in strict place, we are very conscious of this, but it's lovely to see their little faces when they come out of Nursery all happy and proud of themselves. We hope we have provided a wonderful service to you so far this year and look forward to continuing with our high standards for the remainder of 2018.

Government Funding—Autumn Term September to December 2018 All 3 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of government funding the term after they turn 3 years of age. We issue the paperwork to parents for all children who are eligible and once completed we liaise with the council on your behalf to claim these free hours. You may also be eligible for an additional 15 hours, however there is certain criteria that you'll need to meet. Applications must be made on-line through the government website and if successful you will be provided with an eligibility code which we will then need to process the full 30 hours of funding.

* * * You may wish to increase your days here at Nursery in order to receive the full benefit of the free hours. Please contact Mandi if you would like to check availability in the relevant group. Places are limited, subject to availability and are offered on a first come first serve basis. Don't miss out—call now if you think you may wish to increase your days. * * *

Crèche Reminder The Nursery offers a crèche service (subject to availability). If it is you need a couple of hours childcare, please do ring to see if we can accommodate your requirements. Crèche is up to a maximum of 5 hours per day at a rate of £6.00 per hour with a £3.00 charge if you stay over lunch. We really do appreciate you phoning if you know that you will be off Nursery any particular day, whether it be holiday / illness / day off, due to us being able to offer other customers the crèche or extra days. We always aim to help everyone if we can!

Dates for your Diary On Thursday 26th July 2018 we welcome back Millie Loves Louis outdoor photography. We will issue a flyer and door notice in the next few days—please save this date in your diary!

Staff Updates We were really sad to see Georgia Davies leave us back in May. Georgia was an exceptional apprentice however the nursery where she is now employed is closer to home and within walking distance from home. Georgia and her siblings also attended the Nursery when they were young so she has a close connection with the staff. We miss Georgia but wish her all the best for her future career development. Replacing Georgia is Lorraine Kane who will start with us at the beginning of July. Lorraine who has experience in Nursery settings has already completed her Level II in childcare and is now working towards her Level III. We will include Lorraine in our next Newsletter once she has started with us. We look forward to you meeting Lorraine over the next couple of weeks.

Parents Evening May 2018 Thank you to everyone who came along to our very popular and relaxed parents evening. We love meeting with you, talking about your child(ren) and letting you have a look through their Learning Journey folder. Seeing photo's of your little ones enjoying activities and playing with friends is heart-warming, knowing that when you are out at work, we are taking very very good care of your most precious possession. Here are some comments we received:-

"You provide an exceptional service, my daughter loves seeing you. I wanted to score less than 9 in some things so it seemed more genuine, but you really are full marks! I can't imagine there being a better establishment out there!" "We are really happy with the Nursery and staff. Nursery Nurses are all friendly and attentive. They all seem to love what they do and work really hard to ensure the children are looked after. We are really pleased with the menu and the healthy foods the children get for their meals." "Love the enthusiasm from my son's key-worker when we collect him. Abie in particular is sunshine to us on his progress and highlights of his day! We feel individual at the nursery, feels personal and a real 'home' feeling. Kids can be kids which we love. The garden is fantastic and we are looking forward to seeing the extension. Overall we are very happy with all the staff and facilities."

Bake-a-thon Week Thank you to everyone who supported us during our Bake-a-thon week commencing 14th May, raising money for the Bliss Charity who support premature and sick babies. We raised a whopping £185.66. As you can see from the pictures the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and our Emily was a fabulous hostess on the cake stall!



Summer Funday On Friday 19th June all children and staff got into their best summer gear ready for our nursery funday. Activities such as; water play, sand play, colouring in summery pictures, garden play and not forgetting our delicious ice cream surprise after our dinner, YUMMY! We had a brilliant day!



Donations Welcome If you are inundated with spare books or outdoor toys at home, or your child/children have out-grown what they have, the Nursery would be more than happy to take these off your hands. With six classrooms and over 100 children here the more we have the merrier we will be! Plus our garden expansion will mean more room for outdoor toys for the children to use and play with.

Caterpillars We received our five tiny baby caterpillars early June. They have gone from being a 1cm in length baby, to a fully formed 3cm length caterpillar and on 27th June they turned into cocoons! Keep an eye out on Facebook and Twitter for updates. Painted Lady Butterflies, here we come! Such happy moments for the children to see and treasure.

This month, on top of everything else we do, our Babies have been enjoying a spot fruit tasting here at Nursery. From sampling some strawberries, grapes and water melon (to name but a few), they even had a little lick of a sour lemon where there were many entertaining faces pulled. Babies have also really enjoyed lots of messy water play in the tuff spot trays. They loved splashing around and getting just a tiny bit wet. What made it more fun was when their toy animal friends joined them. There was also lots of mark-making in the tuff spot trays using chalk. Not only is this fun it helps to develop their fine motor skills and the bright colours against the black tray really stood out. Also since the weather has been so great recently the Babies have been enjoying our super garden, taking lots of toys and blankets out to sit and play with on the grass (under the shade of course). One day we even decided to go alfresco and eat our tea time snack in the sunshine. Finally it's also been great to see our Babies supporting the football! Good luck to all of the teams in the World Cup!



What a month it has been for both our Tiddler and Toddler groups! Both the Tiddlers and Toddlers have found themselves together in the garden nearly every single day! From playing in the garden covered in a pink blossom wonderland to a nursery made waterfall on a beautiful summers afternoon, they have seen it all! The Tiddler groups imagination has been running wild over the last few months. They created their own little car wash service in the garden using buckets, soapy water and sponges on our cars and trikes. The Tiddlers did a great job of making sure every car was squeaky clean! To coincide with their fantastic 'A Day at the Seaside' wall display which is covered in such amazing artwork, they also had their very own 'Seaside funday' in their room. Everyone dressed up and pretended to be at the beach. The day concluded with a cone of yummy chips for tea and an ice-cream. We're happy—the Tiddler room is always full of excited and happy little faces. Our Toddlers have been busy working hard on their new 'In the garden' wall display, using bright green paint on their hands to create the perfect tree. They also collected soil from outside and used brown paint to help the soil stick to the wall! The Toddlers have also been helping Leanne and Georgia with the rooms recycling. What a clever group of Toddlers! Finally they have been having fun with water, indoors, in tuff spot trays with plastic cups and jugs. They were filling their utensils with water and finding it rather entertaining to tip the water over their heads! Not only did the children get wet—so did Leanne and Georgia ...!



We have finally reached Summer and our Juniors are super happy because it means more GARDEN FUN! This term our Juniors theme has been learning and talking about holidays. With the children Nic and Maria have been discussing the different kind of holidays you can go on and the different transport needed to get there. From trains to planes to caravans and tents they have covered it all! The children have even made their very own campervan which they splattered with beautiful bright coloured paint. Our Juniors have also created starfish from cheerios and glitter, handprint fishes, paper plate jelly fish and even sponge painted an aeroplane whilst enjoying the sunshine in the garden.



Our Pre-school room is packed full of colourful wall displays of artwork that the children have created. It's also packed full of happy and energetic children who love being at Nursery. At the moment Pre-school are learning about their 5 senses. On a one-to-one basis they have sat with a carer and talked about what things they can see, hear, smell, taste and touch. We have then made an individual/personal senses card for each child. Along with our Jolly Phonics work we have created an alphabet envelope area. The letters of the alphabet are printed onto each envelope and inside are words beginning with that letter. For example inside the 'A' envelope are the words 'apple', 'aeroplane' and 'ant'. The children are encouraged to think of more words beginning with each letter. Pre-school have also been enjoying the lovely weather and love playing in the garden. Whether it be in the mud kitchen, on the trikes and diggers, up and down on the slides or drawing on the floor with the jumbo chalk they are happy, learning, playing and having fun!



In the run up to starting school, the Seniors have created a new wall display titled "Moving on to Big School". Every Senior painted a self-portrait for the wall and alongside it was a statement of how they felt about going to school. "I am sad about going to big school Kelly because I'm going to miss you. I am happy because I will make lots of friends." "I feel nervous and happy about big school. I am nervous about all the homework! I am happy because I get play days everyday and I will see my brothers." The Seniors have also been talking about their families and how every family is different. Diversity and equality are an important part of learning and we do our best here to help the children to understand this. To coincide with having the caterpillars here at Nursery the Seniors new theme is The Very Hungry Caterpillar and they have already made a huge butterfly for their wall. Seniors have also been keeping fit and healthy by enjoying yoga and a Kelly-led exercise class. Outdoors, they've had fun in the mud kitchen, getting very very messy—but feeling very very happy!

