

Monkey Puzzle

Feb/March



HELLO EVERYBODY, WE ARE WISHING YOU A MAGICAL MONTH OF MARCH. OUR THEME FOR FEB/MARCH IS FOOD & FAIRYTALES!

Baby Room:

We've been very tactile this month – we touched different textures of fruit (apples, bananas, oranges), and some of the babies were able to point at and identify different fruits. We also made beautiful fruit baskets to take home.

We are pleased to announce that some of the babies have begun to crawl and even take a few steps!

Toddler Room:

Looking through food magazines, we've been able to explore and identify different types of food. The staff have been teaching the children how to say certain fruit & vegetables (e.g. milk, banana, pasta, rice). Children were encouraged to stick pictures of food they like on to their own paper plate. Please do feel free to look in the hallway, as there is a display board showing each child's favourite foods. We also made baskets of fruit from salt-dough: the children would paint and shape the dough in the same colour as a corresponding piece of fruit.

Nursery Room:

As you all know, on the 14th of February was Valentine's Day! We made cookies and cards to celebrate the occasion, all of which were to be taken home to be enjoyed by parents.

This month, we've been focusing on reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and exploring similar themes in our story sack. At snack time, we also made caterpillars out of cucumbers & tomatoes!

This month, we discussed what our favourite foods are: we explored "healthy eating" and enjoyed a variety of different plates of food.

Pre-School Room:

This month, we've not only been listening to stories, but also acting them out. Favourites include *Goldilocks* and *The Three Little Pigs*. We've also been reading non-fiction books about spiders, lions, and dinosaurs!

We've been working out socks off in phonics this month! Over Threes have been segmenting words into syllables and then writing down the sounds heard, and Under Threes have been clapping the syllables and linking sounds to letters, as well as practicing how to write their names.

We focused on the importance of healthy eating, and really put this in to practice – we took a fun trip to the market and made smoothies with the fruit we bought. Delicious!

EVENTS & NOTICES:

POLITE REMINDER:

WE ARE CLOSED OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAY FROM FRIDAY 25TH – MONDAY 28TH (INCLUSIVE).

WE WILL BE OPEN AS NORMAL AGAIN FROM TUESDAY 29TH

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Date: March 17th – children only.

We will be celebrating St Patrick, who is the patron saint of Ireland, and is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.

REMINDER:

EASTER PARTY

- ALL PARENTS & CARERS ARE INVITED!
- Please feel free to bring along any edible contributions to share out
- Prizes for the best dressed boy & girl of each room
- Our annual Easter Hat Parade will take place!

Date: Thursday 24th March 2016

Time: From 5pm – 6.30pm



REMINDER:

PRE-SCHOOL ROOM ONLY – PARENTS EVENING

Date: Friday 1st April 2016

Time: Slots between 10am – 5.30pm. Please book your slots from Monday 14th March onwards by contacting the office.

BABY, TODDLER & NURSERY ROOM:

A short summary report will be sent out in Mid-April of your child's achievements at Monkey Puzzle and what the next steps are. The dates for parents evening have already been set up for summer, where you will get the chance to have a 30 minute slot with your child's key worker and you have an in-depth discussion about your child's development.

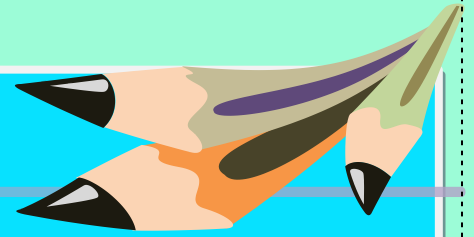


Oliver is making his cucumber & tomato caterpillar



As discussed in the EYFS meeting, we had some feedback from parents who wanted to have smocks for their children. We are happy to announce we found some beautiful smocks that cost only £10 each. This smock will protect your child's clothes from food, arts & crafts, and any other spillages.

Before we go ahead, we would like to have at least ten parents to let us know they would like one via email, so we can order in bulk rather than one by one (please note this will only be from Toddler Room & older).



Pre-school room children on a fun trip to Portobello market buying fruit



Playing football in the garden with Little Foxes Football Class.



ELIZABETH FINDING HER LETTERS IN THE NAME

Bye for now 😊
Monkey Puzzle
Team!

