



Dear Parents and carers

15 March 2021

We had another fun filled week in nursery last week. Lots of messy play including painting, slippy and shaving foam as well as lots of outdoor play which is great, especially now the weather is changing. One of the preschool highlights has got to be the visit from an alien, that was very exciting- although they didn't speak our language, so communication was a bit tricky! Our fun step session with Sam from HITZone Shropshire on Wednesday has also got to be up there as a highlight, was also a great the children really enjoyed getting active and so did the staff. Thank you again HITZone for taking the time to get us involved and more importantly moving.



### Eco-School Award



Yeah... We finally recieved our Eco-School Green Flag award. We completed the accreditation last month and have been waiting for our certificate and flag to arrive. We really are pleased with this achievement as we have made many changes in nursery to make us more eco-friendly.

Over the last two years, we have reduced our plastic usage by cutting out some of our single-use plastics- for example, we now have our milk delivered in glass bottles not plastic cartons. We have kept the local community clear by litter picking, tidying and reporting any issues to the council. We had automatic switch off taps fitted in the bathrooms- so we don't use more water than needed. We created a big bug hotel to promote insect bio- diversity not to mention our textile collections that we have done to help reduce waste going to landfill. We are super proud of our efforts, and of the children who have helped us along the way. Obviously, we plan to continue working towards being as energy efficient and eco friendly as we can be. We welcome any suggestions.

## COVID-19 Update

The nursery received lateral flow tests for the staff last week. We will start rolling these out on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The tests are there to help identify people that are asymptomatic and don't realise they have COVID-19. We know we have a few parents that are now using lateral flow tests regularly too, so we're hopeful that infection rates in nursery will continue to stay as low as they are. Any parents that have children in primary school can access lateral flow tests free of charge by either visiting a designated test site or registering on the government website to have the delivered: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

## Help Needed

We had a couple of people email their interest last week about becoming a trustee but would definitely welcome anyone else who wants to put themselves forward. Being a trustee is a fun and rewarding role and great CPD. More information about what is involved, is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved> You can also email Helen for further information or to put your name forward [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org)



## Community Fridge and Freezer



We are so excited to now have a community freezer at nursery to complement our community fridge. This is great for many reasons but mainly it will stop any wastage, as most produce that is in the fridge can also be transferred to the freezer, if we think it won't get used. Not only did the fabulous Food Share team give us the freezer they stocked it up for us too. Please, please do come in and have a look- help yourself to food. It is not there solely to help those that are struggling, it's there for everyone to use so please don't be afraid of coming in and grabbing some stuff. We really just don't want anything wasted.

## Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:  
[http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring\\_Term\\_2021\\_Week\\_10\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Term_2021_Week_10_Menu.pdf)
- Link to our Student Placement policy  
<http://www.telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/2.2%20Student%20placements.pdf>
- Easter dates: Term time children break up Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April back Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Nursery open as usual Good Friday but closed Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely



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