



Dear Parents and carers

26 April 2021

We had a fab first week of term last week. Everybody was back, the sun was shining, and everything felt very much normal again especially with our opening hours returning back to usual. Music Minors on Monday was just fantastic- the children loved seeing Rachel again (or meeting her for the first time) and taking part in her fun filled music lesson in the beautiful sunshine. We have been struggling to get our photos uploaded to Facebook this week because of an issue with the internet but here are some photographs from one of the music sessions.



EYPDP

Jackie and I are currently undertaking a new training course called the Early years Professional Development programme (EYPDP). It is a two-year programme funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and delivered by the Education Development Trust in partnership with Eiklan. This government initiative is to improve children's outcomes in early language, literacy and mathematics and is aimed at professionals working in early years. We feel privileged to be on the course as places are limited. We hope that changes put in place, will enhance the learning outcomes of the children in our setting. Jackie and I have a huge interest in this and look forward to working with staff in nursery to improve strategies and plans to support children and their development. At the end of the qualification the nursery will achieve "Communication Friendly Status" which will mean we have demonstrated how receptive we are to children and their developing language.



Hopefully along the way we will learn lots of new things and discover more new resources such as this lovely website <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk> that we think is useful to parents. The website gives lots of age-appropriate activities to do at home with children. We will keep you posted on our progress and the changes we put in place.

Staff News



This weekend, 12 of the staff team have updated their first aid training. Although not statutory, we do ensure all of our staff are first aid trained and able to respond in an emergency should they need to. Well done and thank you to everyone that gave up their Saturday for the training, although it can often be very mundane when you have done the training several times before it was fun doing it with such a great team and having a laugh to.

We need to say a fairwell to our preschool apprentice Chloe. After much thought, Chloe decided to leave nursery to pursue other goals. It was lovely having her as part of our team for so long but we understand her decision and we wish her all the luck for the future.

COVID- update

It was lovely last week being back to our old opening hours. It has become very apparent though that we don't actually have much call for places after 4.30pm. Nursery was very very quiet with children some days being the only ones in their bubble. With this in mind we are reviewing whether it is now appropriate to merge bubbles after 4pm especially as COVID infection rates are so low and also to make it cost effective to provide this service to those that need it. We will continue to review the uptake of spaces and make a decision of the best way forward.

Thank you

We had a huge donation of paper given to us last week from Luna's dad. We were overwhelmed with the amount. Thank you so much, this will keep us going for a while now. We are always in need of art supplies to keep the children busy and creative. Things such as paint, glue, sticky bits, junk modelling stuff are always welcomed, so if you think you have any suitable donations, please do let us know.



Community Fridge and Freezer



We love our community fridge and freezer. For anyone that hasn't been in and seen it in the nursery foyer please do pop in and have a look. The produce varies with stock being added at least 3 times a week. We love that we are preventing food waste, helping the food share project and helping our families too. The food choices maybe random sometimes but they are great and perfectly useable if you can be adaptable with your food. Please just take a look, help yourself to food and if you can pop a donation in the money pot. Money donated is then given to the food share project at Rampart Way and is used to support local families in food poverty.

Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Summer_Term_2021_Week_2_Menu.pdf
- Link to our First Aid policy
<http://www.telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/3.1%20First%20Aid.pdf>
- Nursery closed Monday 3rd May for Bank Holiday
- Nursery closed Monday 31st May for Bank Holiday

Yours sincerely



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