



Dear Parents and carers

7 February 2022

Last week we had a wonderful week celebrating Chinese New Year and looking at rocks and minerals. The children had great fun making their own Chinese Dragon and dancing around the nursery. We also had great fun, face painting, making tiger face masks and learning some Chinese words. In our focus on rocks, we have been collecting, painting and making art from them. We have explored the different types of rocks and looked at precious stones such as diamonds, crystals and quartz. The children have learnt a lot and enjoyed exploring and investigating for themselves.



Nursery Invoices

Annoyingly we are still having trouble with our invoicing. We have had to change the email address that they come from as it would appear that some emails were being rejected and not getting to parents. Hopefully we have sorted the problem this week but please do let us know if you haven't received your invoice. Also, just a reminder that the inbox for the invoice emails isn't checked daily so please may we ask, if you have any queries then message the main nursery email for quicker response halesfield@telfordnurseries.org

EYPDP Communication Training

The staff are nearing the end of our Early Year Professional Development Programme, this is training for early years practitioners to support them in developing children's speech and language. As a team we have learnt a lot and put in many strategies to help the children develop the skills needed for communication. One of the best practices we have put in place is our vocabulary flowers. The flower posters have words written on them for the staff to use with children to reinforce new words and language. They have been great as they have helped children pick up news incredibly well. We are hoping to extend these further and start sharing the words with parents too, so you can help introduce new words to your children at home to.

The staff have worked incredibly hard to complete this training along side working and all the COVID complications, so we are incredibly proud of them. Once we have all completed the training then we will receive Communication Friendly Status for the nursery which will be a huge achievement that not many nurseries have the privilege of holding.

Menu



Last week we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the start of Chinese New year in nursery with various fun activities as well as a Chinese banquet on Tuesday. Gemma made a lovely Chinese style curry which the children enjoyed. On Friday Gemma tried Fajitas on the menu, which also went down well. So, this got us thinking about new dishes we could introduce the children to. We want to diversify our menu for the children yet continue to keep it healthy, cost effective and appealing to

the children. If you have any suggestions or ideas for our menu then please do let us know. We love listening to ideas from parents and of course we will be asking the children what they would like to see on the menu to.

Love what you wear day

On Monday 14th February we plan to celebrate Valentines in a fun way. The children are invited into nursery, wearing what they love. This could be anything from their PJ.s, their favourite party outfit or their comfy tracksuit bottoms or maybe dressed up their favourite character. The intention is to celebrate the fact that the children are unique and have their own styles and preferences, they can be independent in their choices and confident on the decisions they make.



Staff News

This week we have some very exceptional staff news to announce. We are sad to announce that we are losing two of our staff team, Tia and Kim. Tia our nursery apprentice has made the tough decision to leave nursery after making the big step of moving to Shrewsbury to live with her boyfriend and Kim has decided not to return due to health reasons. Both have been an invaluable part of the team for nearly two years, so will be very missed. We wish them luck and success for the future.

National Bird Watching week



Last week the children enjoyed studying the birds around nursery. The new bird feeders have been a great success as the birds have been using them frequently. We have identified lots of Bluetits, Robins, Pigeons, Sparrows and Goldfinches using the feeders, and the children have been able to see them up close. We will continue with our observations before sending in our results to the bird watch study.

Fee review

This week the trustees are meeting to review the nursery fees. Each year we have a fee review to ensure the fee's nursery received from parents are enough to keep us sustainable. It is likely the fee's will be increasing this year as we didn't increase them last year at all and with the rising costs of staff wages and utilities then we will need more income coming in to maintain the nursery. We will keep you posted on this and inform you of any changes in due course.

Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Term_2022_Week_6_Menu.pdf
- Love what you wear day: Monday 14 February 2022
- Half term 21 February- 25 February 2022
- Easter Holidays 10 April – 22 April 2022
- Preschool Easter Concert 3.30pm Friday 8 April@ St Andrews Church- more details to follow.

Yours sincerely



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