



Dear Parents and carers

19 October 2020

As if we are on the last week of half term!! We can't believe how quick the half term went, it's been great fun and was lovely getting back to a bit of normality. All of the children have been great throughout and really settled into the new norm and of course so have the staff they've been awesome too, taking on the extra responsibilities of cleaning, additional vigilance and keeping class bubbles separate. A huge well done and pat on the back to everyone, including our wonderful parents for following all the new policies and procedures and keeping everyone safe. With the virus rates rising considerably we are anticipating next term being a bit more bumpy but together we can get through it- well done everyone, staff safe and keep well.

### **Madeley Orchard**

We had a great second trip to the Madeley Orchard this week. The children were so excited and keen for their adventure. Needless to say; the hot chocolate and biscuits went down well again this week- warmed us up and got us ready for exploring. After a quick tour of the orchard where we found the St Michaels Church and the murky pond, we let the children roam and choose where they wanted to go. Brogan went with one group and they found the bird boxes, feathers and fallen apples whilst Amy and Helen helped those wanting to fish. We found lots of water snails and Mayfly Nymphs again (see picture)- absolutely fascinating. Next week we are taking a group of toddlers for their first trip, we know their going to love it, please don't forget the wellies and car seat, if it's your child's turn.



### **Madeley Matters**

Once again, we are privileged enough to make it into the Madeley Matters magazine. We love writing articles, and we love this magazine- it has so much useful information and really helps keep us informed with local events. We have copies available in the foyer, but you can find the electronic version by following the link below:

<http://madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Madeley-Matters-OCT-2020-Web-version.pdf>

## National Nursery Practitioner Day

Yes, this is a thing... This year National Nursery Practitioner Day fell on Saturday 17 October, thus we felt unable to celebrate it to its true effect this year. The day has been set up to celebrate early years workers and recognise their work in nurturing the next generation. Now we don't think we need a national day as we know how hard our staff work and how dedicated they are, but we will go with the flow so this week we will be showering all the staff in compliments,

praise and of course cake- pretty standard week for our nursery really!!! Positive vibes all round, after all we are privileged to do this job and love the challenges and fun of the role.



## Community Fridge



We love working with the team at the Food Share Project, they really are so dedicated to helping others and reducing food waste. We had some great donations last week from them including cottage cheese, bread, soup, yoghurt and fruit. Our partnership works really well, and they are over the moon with the monetary donations we give them each week. The only thing we struggle on at nursery is actually freeing someone up to collect the food from them. Ideally, we need to collect daily but 3 times a week seems to be sufficient in keeping the fridge stocked up. If anyone is available to collect from the food share once a week on our behalf, we would be so grateful- of course there will be food in it for you and you will be doing your bit in helping reduce food waste. Please let us know if you think you might be able to help.

*Please note:* Due to it being half term, we won't be producing a newsletter next week. The next one will be Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu: [http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Autumn\\_Term\\_2020\\_Week\\_8.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Autumn_Term_2020_Week_8.pdf)
- Half term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30 October 2020
- Halloween Party Friday 30 October

Yours sincerely



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