



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

11th October 2020

Hello from the nursery team: Hilary, Elaine, Gemma, Georgie, Hollie, Jennie, Lisa, Lizzie, Louise, Natacha and Tiff

This week at nursery the children will be using conkers to mark make - rolling them in paint then down a gutter and seeing how they track on the paper waiting at the end.

Lizzie will be showing us how to make conker soap (yes it does work!) and the playdough table will continue with an autumnal sensory feel. We have several children exploring our small world fairies, so they will be out for all this week too. Scarf songs (you'll find these on our Facebook page) and singing 'hats' (we'll put these on Facebook if we are feeling brave!) will end our mornings.

We do understand the temptation to peer in the window just before pick up time but this is very distracting and can upset some children. If collecting parents could queue in the marked oblongs and around the back of the little fence, that helps to avoid the distraction of seeing parents and makes it easier for children to maintain focus and listen to the end of the morning instructions. Thank-you.

Our **Nursery Committee AGM** will take place on Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm via Zoom.

As you know, St Michael's is a community nursery, run by a committee of parent volunteers. We manage everything from fundraising to finance to overseeing the early years curriculum and work closely with Hilary and the amazing team who nurture our children so well. Our committee needs a diverse skills set from its members and we would really encourage you to get involved. Whether you can offer support and ideas for fundraising, whether you have a finance or HR background or whether you are simply interested in helping us and being an "extra member", whether you can dedicate an hour or your time or several... we will really value your input. Being on the committee is a great opportunity to meet and work alongside other parents and staff, improve your skill set for your CV and is a very rewarding role. Lots of our committee members work and are busy parents as well as playing a role on the committee, and we are testimony to the fact that you can definitely do both! Whether or not you are already on the committee, please do attend our AGM. Watch this space for vacant positions to be filled and the zoom code in due course. If you have any questions or would like to express interest please email me at amycatrionaward@gmail.com or have a word with Hilary. Many thanks, Amy (Committee Chair)

PLAY IDEAS

Reading tip of the week

Match books to what your child is doing; for example, you could have a book about transport with the cars.

Writing tip of the week

Give your child different things to cut and snip. You can help show them how to hold scissors and help hold the paper for them. Remember to get a pair of left-handed scissors if that is your child's dominant hand.

Woodland wonder

Paint some stones to become 'pebble pals' and make them an outdoor shelter from natural materials.



Toilet

Makaton

At nursery each week we introduce a Makaton sign and symbol. These help children communicate their needs and supports spoken language.

Sound of the week: **n**
Number of the week: **8**



Nettle

Nettles sting us but butterflies love them!

This link shows you how to pronounce the sounds of the different letters.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s

Star of the day

Please take a photo or short video of something special that your child would like to share with the children during carpet time and upload to Tapestry. Due to coronavirus we cannot show items that have been brought in from home.



12th - Amelia Z
13th - Amelia G
14th - Poppy
15th - Sammy
16th - Esme

