



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

22nd November 2020

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

This week we will continue learning our nativity songs, whilst we work on sorting children into groups ready for filming. We are clearly beginning to think about Christmas and have just started to decorate the nursery too!

This week our manipulative play will have a snowy theme with penguins, fake snow and a playdough sea! Children will have an opportunity to start Christmas creativities ~ we do have some glitter in stock, which we will use in some of our creations but will not be purchasing any more due to the negative environmental impact.

Following on from the visit from the AA man and the play that has continued we will have a mechanical focus in our outdoor play this week, making sure all our vehicles are given a pre-winter check over!

New parents this term will be invited to have a 2 year /settling in developmental check with key persons or nursery management. These should commence at the beginning of December and will take a couple of weeks, please look out for your appointment time/date (we usually hold these immediately post drop off and prior pick ups to reduce impact on parental and staff time).

Those parents that have joined our Facebook page will have seen the very emotive post from Lin-Marie, mother to Beatrix. I have included a letter from Lin-Marie on the next page of the newsletter. We will be ringing all the bells we have in nursery to support Beatrix and her family on Friday 27th.

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Dear St Michael's Nursery,

As many of you know, next Friday is Beatrix's last day of chemotherapy. She will have the chance to ring the special end of treatment bell at The Royal Marsden Hospital after which the 4 of us will have our own bell ringing and party at home.

We're inviting friends and family to 'Ring a bell for Beatrix' to give thanks that her treatment has been successful and also as a thank you to everyone who supported our family through a very difficult year. Our local church also plan to ring their church bell for her and her ballet school will have a noisy bell ringing moment. I've asked friends and family to either email or text me a video of them ringing bells or to put a video on their relevant web page as Beatrix and Alana said it would make them very happy. Would you like to join in too in some capacity? There isn't a fixed time to when the bell needs to be rung (or any other instruments played for that matter).

We are raising funds at the same time for Momentum Charity who supported us this year but said people don't have to donate to ring the bell. I shared the page on the St. Michael's Nursery Facebook page so parents who wanted to donate had the opportunity to do so. The most important thing for the girls is that their friends and loved ones get to join in as we feel they all supported us and deserve to celebrate with us. Thank you so much for all you did for us this year!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ringthebellforbeatrix>



PLAY IDEAS

Reading tip of the week

Read stories with lots of repetition as your child will start to join in. Encourage them to tell you what will happen next.

Writing tip of the week

Play with finger puppets and small toy people, animals and vehicles to develop fine motor skills.

Sound of the week: **m**
Number of the week: **3**



Mushroom

Can you see any mushrooms on a walk this week?
Don't touch them!

Woodland wonder

Wrap up warm one evening & go star gazing. Which constellations can you see?



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.

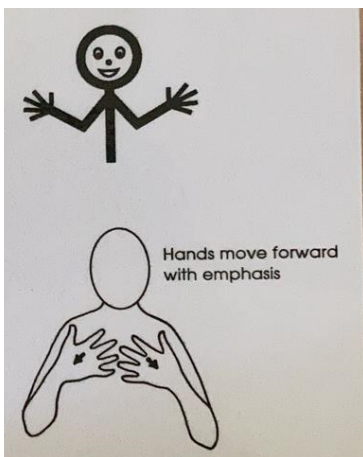


23rd - India
24th - Max
25th - Lilly
26th - Rupert
27th - Luca H



Makaton

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



Surprise