



# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

12th September 2021

**Hello from the nursery team:**

**Hilary, Jennie, Charlotte, Elaine, Gemma, Georgie, Hollie, Lizzie, Louise, Sophie and Tiff**

We had a busy first week back at nursery, welcoming our returning children and the start of new children inductions. Monday was particularly interesting, the smoke alarms went off, which was not at all a planned drill, but the children (and staff) were amazing evacuating in record time and we also 'rescued' the ladies in the fitness class too!

Children enjoyed exploring gluing and sticking, creating pasta and pulse pictures for the Horticultural Show, they also selected leaves to paint and print, then turned their prints into 'leaf bugs', and somebody has won a trophy!

Thank you to all the bakers and helpers, we have raised almost £300 serving refreshments at a very well attended show. We do have some cakes left and will be offering those to parents with an 'honesty pot' at nursery drop off/pick up tomorrow (Monday). You will however be pleased to know that we will hang onto the children's own cake creations, Georgie has made us some new 'lemon drizzle' playdough to explore!

You should notice that this week we have our Star of the Day listed in the newsletter (see next page). We will also have the full month's stars in the nursery window, so please check if you need to plan ahead. New starters have not been added to Tapestry yet, but will be before their turn comes up. Star of the Day is mentioned on page 9 of the parent carer guide.

It's great to be back!

Hilary

# THIS WEEK...

## Communication, Language and Literacy:

Encourage a love of reading by sharing books with your child - talk about the pictures, explore the meaning of new words and encourage your child to join in with words and phrases that are familiar or repeated.

Surrey libraries are now open as usual to visit and borrow books, and maybe join in with a rhymetime, storytime or craft session.

OPEN  
LIBRARY



## Woodland Wonder

### Slugs!

Did you know that slugs have thousands and thousands of teeth? These tiny chombers are part of a rasping structure called a radula that is unique to mollusks.

They also have a blowhole on the side of their body (this isn't always visible) which opens up essentially for the slug to breathe.

There's some more interesting facts here:

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/91588/10-slippery-facts-about-slugs>

## Makaton

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

**This week's sign  
is 'who?':**



who

Sound of the week:

**S**

Number of the week:

**2**

Click on [this link](#) for a video demonstrating how to pronounce the phonic sounds

**S is for Squirrels:**

**Can you spot any squirrels when you are out and about this week?**



## Star of the Day

Please take a photo or short video of something special that your child would like to share with us at nursery and upload it to Tapestry.

**NB. please record videos in LANDSCAPE format (i.e. with phone/tablet held horizontally) so we are able to view them on the large screen.**



**Monday 13th: Leo D**

**Tuesday 14th: Dougie**

**Wednesday 15th: Alexander D**

**Thursday 16th: Thomas C**

**Friday 17th: Charlotte**

