



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

17th October 2021

Hello from the nursery team:

Hilary, Jennie, Charlotte, Elaine, Gemma, Georgie, Hollie, Lizzie, Louise & Sophie

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, unfortunately, this weekend we have had another individual test positive for Covid-19. Symptoms potentially started as cold like, so it has been difficult to actually pinpoint a start time. The individual has not been in nursery since Tuesday and close contacts have been informed separately. We will obviously inform parents of any subsequent cases and request that parents also err on the side of caution and continue to test. The new LFT kits are nasal swabs only and are far more pleasant to use. You can order them online here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

This week at nursery we will be having SLIME covered measuring worms! Please ensure your child is wearing play clothes, whilst the dried in slime does usually wash out after soaking, I have used quite a lot of food colouring! Thank you for all the donated pumpkins last week, we will continue pumpkin play this week with the remaining pumpkins and play dough. We will also be making conker critters and using string and wool to create 'webs'. Our potion-making skills will continue as we make witchy rhyming and silly soup (just pretend!) and we might have a chance to make some conker soap too (no spelling error.. yes that does say soap, Lizzie has a recipe!!) We are missing a couple of our Russian Doll halves, they are most likely to be at nursery, but please do check pockets for any escapees!

The chickens appear to have entered the 'winter' a little early, we've not had many eggs recently so please don't promise them to your stars of the day! They should resume in earnest in the spring.

Just to confirm ~ whilst many Surrey schools will close for a Jubilee bank holiday replacement day, the nursery will remain open on October 22nd, the last day before we break for the autumn half term.

Please also see the attached poster from Sandra Peers. Sandra was the headteacher at St. Michael's School before leaving to have her first child. Sandra has now set up 'Little Minds' providing educational resources and workshops for parents.

Have a lovely half term, fingers crossed we still get some autumnal sun to enjoy!

Hilary

Diary Dates:

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October: Half Term

Tuesday 9th November (confirmed - by Zoom - details to follow): Nursery AGM

Saturday 4th December: Nursery Christmas Fair - keep a look out for requests for donations & helpers

THIS WEEK...

Communication, Language & Literacy:

Match books to your child's play and interests to encourage early interest in reading, for example, you could have a book about transport with the toy cars.

Cutting and snipping with scissors is another activity that strengthens muscles and improves fine motor skills. Give your child different things to cut and snip - newspapers, magazines, old greeting cards. You can help by assisting with their scissor hold and holding the paper for them until their skills improve.

Woodland Wonder

Did you know that conkers have detergent-like qualities which foam when mixed with water? You can make your own conker soap by peeling the skin of a conker, grate the inside, swish the conker 'suds' in warm water and agitate to see the bubbles form.

Alternatively, soak the grated conker in a little water for a couple of days and strain it through a muslin or a fine sieve.

Let us know how you get on!

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 'Finished':**



Sound of the week:

n

Number of the week:

7

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

n is for nettles:

Nettles aren't nasty! We often think of their nasty sting but there's a good side to nettles....they are a really important food source to butterflies, and some species choose them as the perfect spot to raise their caterpillars too.

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 18th: Freddie



Tuesday 19th: Henry

Wednesday 20th: George Meadows

Thursday 21st: Willow

Friday 22nd: George Masters