



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

7 November 2021

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

This week we will carry on with Bonfire and Diwali celebrations, creating firework spinner art pictures and providing classical music for children to mark make to. The conker cafe was very popular last week with lots of children who don't often get involved in home corner type role play enjoying the kitchen being outside, so this week we are adding birdseed for children to use instead of conkers - the sweepings will be undoubtedly enjoyed by both the chickens and wild birds! We have several pairs of diffraction glasses and will also be using coloured acetate to continue an interest in colour and fire!

Children may notice the poppies that have been put up around the village. At nursery, we talk to the children about why we wear poppies at this time of year, we try to answer any questions in a simple and factual way but our underlying message is 'we wear poppies to say thank-you to the soldiers/service people who help to keep us safe'. Depending upon questions, we may expand this, but what we really seek to do is introduce remembrance in a way which our children can understand. We will be visiting the War Memorial on Thursday and will also have paper poppies for children to explore respectfully.

There are a couple of attachments this week too. One is following a national increase in incidents of young children choking, the other is a consultation of admission arrangements for St. Michael's School from September 2023.

I look forward to seeing those who can Zoom into the AGM on Tuesday!

Hilary

Committee Christmas fair checklist - Week Commencing 7 November:

- Put the prep night in your diaries – Wednesday 1 December at nursery.
- Sign up and pay for your visit to see Father Christmas in his grotto.
- Sign up to help with manning stalls or clearing up on the day.
- Bring in the wine and chocolates that you forgot to bring in last week!

Diary Dates:

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

Wednesday 1st December (timings tbc): Nursery Christmas Fair prep night

Saturday 4th December, 11am to 2pm: Nursery Christmas Fair - see checklist!

THIS WEEK...

Communication, Language & Literacy:

Try to limit background noise when reading with your child, as it can be distracting. So turn off the TV, music or radio and settle down for a peaceful few moments with a good book.

Create a sensory mark-making bag, this may encourage even a reluctant mark-maker to get involved. Fill a large sealable bag with shaving foam, add food colouring and seal. Your child could make marks with fingers or cotton buds. Experiment with different mark-making tools, and different contents.

Woodland Wonder

Did you know that trees communicate with each other through a fungal network underground? Fungi have fine threads that spread underground called mycelium. They link trees and plants so they can communicate and warn each other of danger, whether they need more nutrients, and older trees can pass nutrients to younger trees and plants that are growing nearby. These partnerships are called mycorrhiza.

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 'remember':



Sound of the week:

e

Number of the week:

11

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

e is for evergreen:

There are many evergreen plants and trees in the UK, keeping their leaves and colour throughout the winter months they are easy to spot. Can you spot and identify evergreens when you are out and about together?

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 8th: Jago



Tuesday 9th: Leo H

Wednesday 10th: Alfie

Thursday 11th: Melody

Friday 12th: Jude