



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

15th May 2022

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all those tenacious children who helped us clear the pile of woodchips! Hopefully, they will help both our Forest School and Mud Kitchen be not so muddy and will also suppress the nettle growth!

It's been very rewarding to see the impact our number rhymes are having on the children, we've heard them singing outside before coming into nursery, and spontaneously singing in their play too. We will continue with rhymes again this week and have some lovely natural resources to play with number trays for counting too. Our fairies said they would like to come out and play and their toadstools cleverly have painted counting spots on them!

Please remember our theatre show 'Egg and Spoon' on Thursday. Children who normally attend on a Thursday will see the show during nursery hours. There will be another show on Thursday afternoon, commencing at 2pm. Those children who have not seen the show in the morning are invited to attend (with an adult) in the afternoon. We do need to know numbers so please let Hilary know if your child will be attending. The show is free for all nursery children and should last about 45 minutes. The show is an interactive story introducing children to the seasons through the character 'Birdy'.

Mickleham & Westhumble Jubilee events:

Friday 3rd June 3-5pm - Stepping Stones Pub, Westhumble ~ afternoon tea with 'Beacon tart', Hat competition at 4pm and acoustic live music by 'Mood Swing'

Saturday 4th June from 2pm - Stepping Stones Pub, Westhumble ~ Live music, live screen broadcast, Children's Fancy Dress and outdoor BBQ

Sunday 5th June from 10am - Mickleham - 10am St. Michael's Church Service; 11.30am Tree planting in the new graveyard at the back of the church, songs by the Mickleham Choral Society; 12 noon, Lunch. Free to all attending, hot dogs, burgers, chicken and vegan options (in Rd next to the church); From 2pm Free ice cream; 4pm Finish

New date for your diary ~ last year we celebrated Father's Day by serving bacon butties from the Forest school. It went down well, so Dads or Grandads...please join us on 17th June from 9am if you would like a bacon buttie to start your day.

Hilary

Diary Dates:

Thurs 19th May: Egg and Spoon show (am and pm) - see newsletter for details

w/c Mon 23rd May (all week): Jubilee theme - children invited to wear red, white & blue

w/c Mon 30th May: Half Term

3rd, 4th, 5th June: Mickleham & Westhumble jubilee celebrations - see newsletter for details

Fri 17th June: Father's Day bacon butties

Weds 23rd June: Babble show - see newsletter for details

Fri 15th July: End of Summer term play - all children invited to take part

Mon 18th July: Older children sports day (afternoon)

Weds 20th July: Younger children sports day (morning) AND last day of term for younger children

Thurs 21st July: Leavers' party AND last day of term for older children

This week...

Communication, Language & Literacy:

We are excited about the return of the nursery bubble fish this week...cue much fun and laughter (hopefully in the sunshine!)

Here are some ideas to extend your bubble play at home to encourage listening and extending language:

Popping game: Blow some bubbles then name a body part (eg: elbow, foot, nose, ear or knee) and see if your child can pop the bubble with that part of their body!

Use words such as 'blowing' 'high' 'up' 'down' to talk about what's happening.

Talk about what happens when you blow the bubble in different ways: gently, slowly, fast...

Sound of the week:

t

Number of the week:

2

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

t is for...tadpoles:

Frog and toad spawn laid earlier in the year may now be developing into tadpoles.

Take a peek into a pond or lake edge and you may well spot some.

Frog tadpoles have gold or brown speckles, while toad tadpoles will be inky black all over.

Happy Hunting!

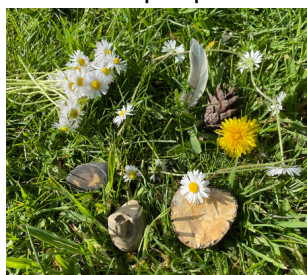


Woodland Wonder:

Collect some natural materials together and see if you can make up a story. When you get home or in a quiet spot, lay it all out and see what you have collected. You could take turns to tell a story using what you have found as a prop.

Maybe you found a shell that is home to a family of beach fairies, or a pinecone that is also a t-rex.

Be imaginative and have fun!



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 16th: Alexander D

Tuesday 17th: Jago

Wednesday 18th: Lina

Thursday 19th: Leo D

Friday 20th: Alfie

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:
(To) Sing

