



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

8th May 2022

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

We are hopeful of another sunny week ahead and have planned water play with rock pool creatures. We'll get the deckchairs out to have a relaxing time in the sun and our busy gardeners will enjoy watering our plants. We will start to think about what plants need to grow and stay healthy, which will lead onto planting vegetables etc in following weeks.

We have all enjoyed our number rhymes and will continue those this week, maybe enlivening the rhymes by including some parachute play too. Children have been exploring making mathematical marks and numerals using our light station, a skill we will continue to encourage. We will have playdough, our glue table continues to evolve and we are also planning on the snack table being outside as it was a challenge to 'drag' children away from their garden play to have a snack last week!

You may recall that the nursery has been part of the making and believing project. On May 19th, as part of the project, we will be hosting an early years theatre show, 'Egg and Spoon'. 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'.

Please remember sun hats, apply sun cream before nursery and forest schoolers still need to be provided with (summer weight) waterproofs.

Don't forget the parent's coffee morning at 9.30 on Wednesday 11th May at 51 degrees North in Mickleham.

Hilary

(more...)

A message from Mickleham Children's Playground Association:

Dear Parents,

Mickleham Children's Playground needs your support!

You may not realise that the playground on the Mickleham Rec is run by a small but dedicated group of volunteers as a registered charity, and is entirely community funded. It relies 100% on donations in order to operate. The approximate annual cost of keeping the playground insured and maintained is £1500 and this is a constant drain on the charity's limited resources.

We are very lucky to have this fantastic facility for our nursery and school children to enjoy each day. Would you consider showing your appreciation for this playground by setting up a standing order or giving a one-off donation? If every household that used the playground could donate even just £2 per month, then we could be well on our way to raising enough money each year to cover our running costs. Your support would be hugely appreciated and would contribute towards the team effort to keep our wonderful little playground open for everyone to enjoy.

We can receive donations by the following means:

By standing order or one-off bank transfer – please email us and we will send you our bank details

By cash – please email us and we will arrange a secure way to receive the cash.

Gift Aid will boost your donation by 25p for every £1 that you donate. If you would like to gift aid your donation then please email us and we will send you the Gift Aid Declaration Form to complete.

Our email address is: micklehamplayground@gmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to read this appeal. By donating you are guaranteeing that this excellent facility remains available for our children now and in the future.

Best wishes,

Lyndie Perkins & Magda Zasada

Committee members of the Mickleham Children's Playground Association

This week...

Communication, Language & Literacy:

Our nursery lending library has proven popular since we reintroduced it, and we are really happy to see it being so well used.

Regular visits to the library will help establish a love of literacy and develop pre-reading skills...and even better...it's free! Many of Surrey Library's story and rhyme time sessions are now back up and running, your child will be excited to choose their own books and may surprise you with their choices!



Sound of the week:

a

Number of the week:

3

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

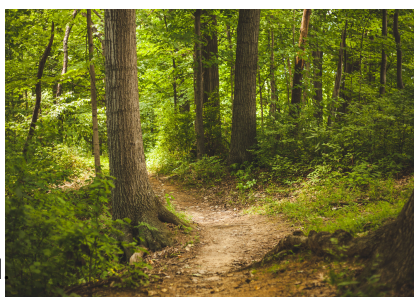
a is for...ants:

The weather is warmer and the ants are here! Learning together about these fascinating insects will support knowledge and understanding of the world by introducing the concept of lifecycles. Want to take a closer look? Try building your own simple ant farm...there are plenty of instructions available on the internet and most can be made from materials you will have on hand at home...



Woodland Wonder:

A listening game called magic spot is where everyone finds their own special place to sit quietly and be alone in nature. It is a fantastic mindfulness in nature activity. For young children, try sitting quietly for just one or two minutes. It can feel strange at first, but from your magic spot you can feel the wind, see plants and animals close by, hear birds and insects, smell the earth. Afterwards, talk together about what you've seen, touched, smelt or heard



Makaton

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



To Wait

This week's sign is:
(To) Wait

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 9th: Leo H

Tuesday 10th: Jude

Wednesday 11th: Alfie

Thursday 12th: Eva

Friday 13th: Tristan