

ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

21st January 2024

**Hello from the nursery team:
Hilary, Jennie, Georgie, Lizzie, Louise and Sophie**

Dear parents and carers,

Last week the children particularly enjoyed the sensory and mathematical learning, playing with both water and linseed. This week we have planned another sensory experience, cornflour and water gloop...we are pretending it's the surface of the moon as we link it to 5 little men in a flying saucer! We will also be singing other transport themed rhymes and songs, The Wheels on The Bus, A Big Red Bus, The Pirate Song, and one from the Sticky Kids 'lets go driving' (you can find it on You Tube!). We will have bikes and trikes to keep us moving and warm and will keep the hospital/baby clinic role play as it was very popular last week.

Please remember we don't check the wow box, you need to pass any wow moments cards onto staff for us to celebrate them in nursery.

You may recall we have been interviewing for a new member of staff. Last week we offered the job to Kelly. Kelly is level 3 qualified and comes to us with many years of experience too! She has worked as a teaching assistant, deputy manager of an after school club and, most recently, as a teaching assistant in the nursery and reception class at Belmont School. Kelly will hopefully start with us next week. Hollie will continue to 'bank' for us to cover staff training/sickness.

Attached to this newsletter is a form to complete for amending/adding hours from September 2024. Please ensure this form is completed and either emailed or printed and brought back to the nursery BEFORE 9th February. We will seek to allocate our existing families their requested hours before making offers to new children. However, after 9th February, any remaining spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please do speak to Hilary if, because of extenuating circumstances, you are not yet able to complete the form.

Did you know we have a website?? Newsletters are uploaded to the website and you will, amongst other things, find TERM DATES! <https://stmichaelscommunitynursery.co.uk/>

Finally ~ thank you to the two parents who joined easy fundraising last week! If you want to help too, you can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelsnursery/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1 Thank you so much!

Hilary

This week...

Communication, Language and Literacy:

Role play allows children to explore their ideas about the world, and enacting and trying out different scenarios develops imagination and communication skills. Grab a cardboard box, cushions, blankets...whatever you can find...and let your child take you on an adventure. Take their lead...where are you heading? What will you do? Who will you meet? Try to use open ended questions and let their imaginations run riot!



Number of the week:



Woodland Wonder:

Do you come home from most outings with a natural treasure or two in your pocket - perhaps a leaf, flower or feather? Display your woodland wonders by making a simple handmade loom from sticks, bound together with string or wool, and then create a weaving surface by lacing another length of string across the frame. Weave your woodland treasures into the frame, and add to the project over time.



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 22nd: Lina

Tuesday 23rd: Robyn

Wednesday 24th: Imogen

Thursday 25th: Suki

Friday 26th: Woody

Our Star of the Day schedule is also displayed in the nursery window for future dates