

ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

30th June 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for managing the water play of last week, most children had their own spare clothing and footwear so our stock of spares was not totally depleted! It's not looking quite so warm this week, but I strongly suspect that water play will still feature in children's independent choices!

This week we will be practicing hand eye coordination...batting balls to celebrate the start of Wimbledon, continue practices for our own Sports day and for our end of term show on Wednesday 10th. The show will start at 11.30 and take about half an hour. We hope it will be outside on the grassy area, but will need parent helpers to set up chairs please. As previously mentioned, all children are invited to join, even if they do not normally attend on a Wednesday. These children should arrive at 11.15 toileted and in costume. All younger children are asked to wear plain blues and or whites to look like 'sky' and older children will have a costume in a bag on their peg.

Please let us know if your child is NOT attending.

This Wednesday is St. Michael's School sports day which is held on the Recreation ground. The sports day is from 10-11.30 and we have been invited to join in, there will be some toddler races too (Forest School will continue as normal). The school have asked that any parents/families who wish to join in with the post sports day picnic are most welcome. Please let nursery staff know if your child will not be returning to nursery, but staying with you on the recreation ground.

This Saturday is The Mickleham & Westhumble Summer Fair. If you have not signed up as a helper, please do so! we also have lucky programmes to sell, please bring £2 for your copy this week. The nursery will be running the human fruit machine stall and chicken racing, so please do come and support us!

We have been informed that the car park may be busier than usual on Monday due to an expected large attendance at a Funeral Service. Parents/carers collecting at 12.15 may need to double park.

Hilary

Diary Dates for Summer Term:

Saturday 6th July: Mickleham and Westhumble Summer Fair (poster attached)

Wednesday 10th July: Nursery end of term show

Thursday 11th & Monday 15th July: School leavers' parents evening appointments

Saturday 13th July: Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Show

Wednesday 17th July: Sports day ~ younger children

Thursday 18th July: Sports day ~ older children & End of Term (younger children)

Friday 19th July: End of Term - leavers' party

This week...

Communication, Language & Literacy:

Children acquire spoken language by being surrounded by talk. All types of talk...functional, discussion, explanation, questioning and wondering. Similarly young children learn about reading and writing as they observe and get involved in real, purposeful literacy activities in their everyday lives.

There are many ways you can engage children in talk and create a language and literacy rich environment at home, and probably many that you are already doing...

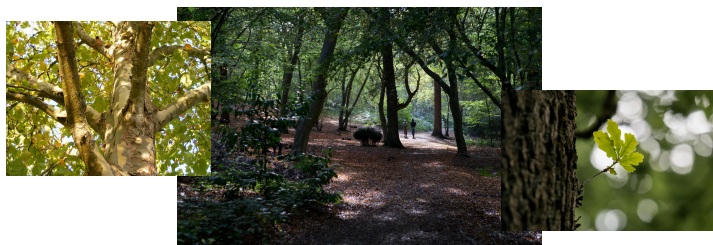
Try...**Reading and writing to communicate:** texting, emails, cards and letters, reading and writing for pleasure: books, magazines, newspapers, Internet



Number of the week:

Woodland Wonder:

We are so lucky to be surrounded by beautiful woodlands - a fabulous free resource right on our doorsteps! Take an ID sheet or information book with you on woodland wanders...talk about the trees you can see in the woods, look closely at the leaves, buds and flowers. The Woodland Trust has some great ID sheets and resources for children [here](#), as well as a handy tree ID app [here](#)



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 1st July: Sebastian

Tuesday 2nd: Rudy

Wednesday 3rd: Jonny

Thursday 4th: Niko

Friday 5th: Poppy

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