



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

6th October 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for the emailed funding forms. If you have yet to complete an online funding form, and are eligible for funding this term, please do so by Wednesday of this week!

The weather is beginning to look quite frightful! Rather than have soggy children and parents/carers, we thought you might appreciate having the canopy area open whilst you wait to drop off. Staff will do the register at the entrance rather than the wooden gate. You are welcome to read our library books whilst you wait, and under your supervision, children can play with any resources that are available. However, the nursery garden will be closed until later so please don't let children open the gate!

Have you collected any conkers?? We love conker treasures at nursery and have plans to be creative with any bagsfull that arrive! We've heard that it's not been a particularly bumper year, so if you do have a tree near you, please do go out collecting! We'd also welcome any out of date herbs and spices (not Chilli!) that you or grandparents may have lurking in cupboards at home. Children like to add these to mud kitchen creations and we could also use them for potion making! Thank you!

This week at nursery we have several sensory activities! Different sized snakes in foam, frogs in touchy feely boxes and light resources in the dark den. We plan to have some broomstick races, play what's the time witchy witch?, make spiders webs and create some nonsense silly /rhyming soup. We might even attempt a giant plait (from Room on the Broom). Thursday children should have wellies and waterproofs for Thursday mornings please.

Just a reminder about lunch boxes ~ please ensure grapes are cut lengthways. The size and shape of grapes means they can completely plug a child's airway and the tight seal produced by the grape's smooth surface makes them difficult to dislodge with standard first aid techniques. Cutting grapes lengthways makes them thinner and they can pass through small windpipes more easily. Cherry tomatoes should also be cut. Please also provide your child with a water/drink bottle with their lunch.

Sadly the mexican bingo night has been postponed. Please remember participating in such events helps to create the community feel of our nursery.

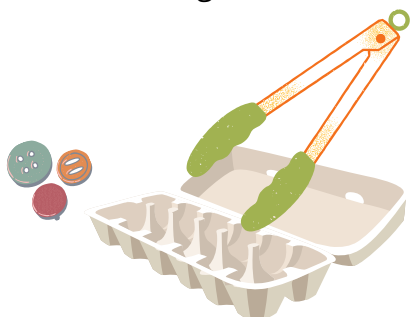
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This week...

Physical Development:

Getting ready for mark-making!

Play a sorting game using tweezers or tongs to pick up, move and sort smaller items, such as raisins or buttons in a sectioned ice cube tray or egg box. This develops the fine motor skills which are essential for writing later on.



Did you know that we focus on phonic letter sounds (rather than names) at Nursery?
Click on [this link](#) for a video demonstrating how to correctly pronounce the phonic sounds

Number of the week:

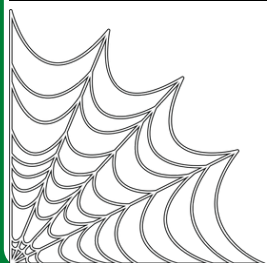


Woodland Wonder:

We enjoy searching for mini beasts at forest school, and over the last week have learned some interesting facts about spiders.

Spiders have sharp fangs which they use to kill the tasty mini beasts they catch in their webs. A spider bites a fly with its fangs and shoots poison inside. This turns the fly's insides mushy and the spider sucks them up!

If you'd like to learn more about the spiders you might find while exploring outside, click here for [The Wildlife Trust identification guide](#).



Star of the Day

Please upload to Tapestry a photo or short video of something special that your child would like to share with us at nursery. Two or three photos/videos is plenty!

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 7th: No star today!

Tuesday 8th: Caspian

Wednesday 9th: Immy

Thursday 10th: Otto

Friday 11th: Emilio

Our star of the day schedule is also displayed in the nursery window for future dates