

ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

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Hello from the nursery team:

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Dear parents and carers,

This week at nursery we will have some St. George's Day themed activities and use prepositions and directional signs to find dragons. We will also be celebrating World Earth Day. You may notice that we are changing our 'Woodland Wonder' area on the newsletter to 'Eco Explorers'. This will incorporate sustainability actions that parents may want to consolidate at home and also give the children a title they can identify with. We are developing a little team of eco explorers and would love to hear if this is transferring to home life too.

Some little critters have been exploring the children too...please be aware that we are now in tick season and have already had several reports of ticks on children. Please ensure you check your children for ticks before bath and bedtime.

At the end of last week parents will have been informed of reception places that have been allocated to your pre-reception year child. Please let nursery staff know where your child has been offered a place, and if you are intending on accepting or looking for an alternative place. When talking to staff about schools, please do not do so in front of children. We strongly advise against talking to children about moving onto school yet. September is a long way ahead for a young child and talking about school too soon can cause anxiety or over excitement. At nursery, we will not be introducing any school transition activities until after the May half-term.

This terms' funding paperwork for existing claimants is a little easier than usual and just needs a check of hours and your signature. New claimants, I must have the fully completed funding form by Wednesday!

This week's emotion is Happy/calm.

Have you seen a dragon like this??



We are missing three of these pocket-sized cute dragons and wonder if they may have found a new pocket home!?! Returns will be swapped for a sticker!

Thank you!
Hilary

THIS WEEK...

Communication and Language:

With **St. George's Day** approaching (23rd April), spark your child's imagination and growing vocabulary by designing your very own dragon! Encourage your child to think about:

- Colours: Is the dragon bright red, shimmering gold, or deep forest green?
- Size: Is it enormous and towering, or tiny enough to sit on your hand?
- Texture: Is its skin scaly, smooth, fluffy, or spiky?
- Smell: Does it smell smoky, sweet like flowers, or like the salty sea?
- Features: How many wings does it have? Does it breathe fire, ice, or bubbles? Does it have horns, a long tail, or sparkling eyes?

This fun activity is a fantastic way to build language skills while letting creativity fly! We'd love to see your dragons!

Feel free to bring in pictures or share photos of your creations with us.

Number of the week:



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We are Eco Explorers!

Over recent weeks the children have been exploring recycling. Lunchtime provides a great opportunity to talk about the types of wrapping and packaging they find in their lunchboxes, and if it can be recycled or reused. The children have been really engaged in this and it's lovely to see them celebrate when something can go in the recycling bin or 'Snappy' the recycling box!

This week we learned that **clean tin foil** can be recycled if it is scrunched up into a ball no smaller than a tennis ball. Recycling our tin foil saves energy (it takes 95% less energy to recycle aluminium than to produce it from raw materials) and reduces landfill waste.



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 20th: Koa

Tuesday 21st: Albie

Wednesday 22nd: Felix

Thursday 23rd: No star today

Friday 24th: Theodore

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