

Poppins Post - February, March and April

General News

- Happy New Year to everyone here's hoping you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and have settled into 2016. We would firstly like to wish Nicole all the best as she goes on maternity leave in February to have her little girl. We look forward to meeting her!!
- Forest school sessions will again in February so please ensure you know your child's sessions and they have appropriate clothing to go outside. The children will still go out in the cold weather but sessions may be shorter than normal if they are cold.
- As the weather is still a little unpredictable can you ensure that your child(ren) come to nursery with water proof coats, hat and gloves so that they are prepared for any weather and can still enjoy the outdoors as we do go outside every day. Please can we also remind parents and carers to clearly label these with your child's name to avoid any mix ups.
- If you have not liked our Facebook page then please do. We add photos regularly of the children engaging in different activities so you can see what they have been up to and use it as a means to pass any messages to you all. Permission for your child to be on our Facebook page is asked for when you first join, if no longer wish your child to be on the page anymore then please let us know.
- Comments and Suggestions - As part of developing our service we always like to collect your views and suggestions and act upon them where possible. If you would like to give us some feedback, recommend an idea you may have or just praise the girls for the work they do with your child then we now have comments and suggestions forms in reception. Please feel free to collect a form and return via the black box on the wall by the menus. You can put your name if you like or forms can remain anonymous.
- Please can we also remind all parents/carers to close both gates to the nursery both on entry and when leaving the nursery in order to maintain security of the premises.
- If you need to change your sessions for any reason or terminate your place at the nursery we require four weeks written notice as stated in our terms and conditions.

Dates For Your diary

February

- 8th - Chinese new year - the children will be taking part in a range of activities all week to celebrate and learn about Chinese traditions
- 9th - Pancake Day - mmmm pancakes for pudding today
- 12th - Red Day for Valentines - wear red and join in lots of red themed activities such as jelly play and card making
- 14th - Valentine's Day
- 25th - Parents evening

March

- 1st - St David's Day
- 4th - Mothers Day activities with the children. Mums and Grandparents are invited to join their child for an activity session. More details to follow.
- 6th - Mothers Day
- 17th - St Patricks Day
- 24th - Easter bonnet parade - Bring in a bonnet and take part in the competition! Prizes for the best Bonnet in each room.
- 27th - Easter
- Easter holidays run from Friday 25th to Wednesday 6th April for term time only.
- No stretched funded children in week commencing 28th

April

- 21st - Queens Birthday - Afternoon tea party in honour of the Queen's birthday. More details to follow
- 23rd - St Georges Day

Room News



Caterpillar Room

Welcome all the new babies that have joined our nursery. We hope you are all settling in well and having lots of fun. In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kirsty (Baby room leader) or Kim.

The babies would like to wish Nicole all the best on her maternity leave and we look forward to meeting the baby soon.

Throughout February the babies are learning simple makaton signs to support their communication. They have been learning different animals and signs for drink and milk. If you would like some more information to continue the signs at home then please let Kirsty know.

Caterpillars will be taking part in some Chinese themed activities. Playing with noodles and stir fry and tasting some Chinese foods in honour of the Chinese New Year.

For Valentine's Day we will be dressing in red and making cards and a few surprises for our loved ones!!

March and April include St David's Day, St Patricks day and St Georges day so we will be getting creative by making daffodils, Clovers and flags. We are also going to be creative and make an under the sea display. Here we will be looking at animals that live in the sea and having lots of sand and water play!

Mothers Day activities will be held on Friday 4th March, all mums and grandparents are welcome to come along and see what creative activities we do to support our development and learning..be prepared to get messy! ?!

April sees the start of spring, continuing looking at animal makaton signs and sounds the animals make and continuing the theme through other activities.



Butterfly Room

The children in Butterfly room have a new friend - Travelling Ted. He will be taking turns to come home with you and your child and spend time with you. All we ask is that you look after him, take some pictures of what you do and record the fun in his diary so your child can share the weekend with their friends. He comes with everything he needs, a potty, change of clothes and a brush! Looking after Ted helps encourage your child's self care skills and also the awareness of others needs, discussing his weekend back at nursery gives your child confidence to talk amongst their peers.

Can we please ask all parents and families to bring in some photos of family members and of those who are important to your child to create a family book within the room. This is to support the children and their transition from home to nursery and give them something to talk about and share with the group.

Forest school sessions will be starting again on Tuesday mornings - please ensure that all children attending have warm and suitable clothing as we will still go out even if it is cold. The children will begin a new programme of exploring the environment, having fires and learning fire circle safety and developing a new range of skills using the tools. The children enjoy this and thrive on being able to freely explore, learn new skills and take risks.

Alongside these things we will be taking part in all the fun activities for Chinese New Year - tasting foods and playing with noodles! , Valentine's Day and mother's day - making cards and treats for our loved ones and learning about what St David's day, St George's day and St Patricks day are and why we acknowledge them.

We are looking forward to the Easter bonnet parade on 24th March and seeing who can win the prize for the best bonnet!



Ladybird Room

The Preschool children will be starting Forest school sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Can you please ensure they have appropriate clothing to go outside in all weathers as we will still go out even if it is a bit cold. They will be cooking on the camp fire, re visiting the fire circle rules for the new children that have joined and will be using tools to create natural items.

Natalie has now joined our group as a new key worker. She will now support the preschool children and also the Big Kidz before and after school. Everyone will be notified of who their key worker is but feel free to ask Faye, Kirsty or Natalie.

There is a board in Reception that shows the focus of our week in ladybirds, please have a look at the beginning of the week to see what your child will be doing so you can extend and support their learning at home. If you need any ideas of things you can do please ask and we will be happy to help you.

This term we will be adapting activities around themes the children enjoy such as Disney, Superheroes and the Gruffalo. This supports their learning and encourages them to engage in educational activities in a more fun way as well as develops their learning of shapes and numbers etc without such a formal approach.

We will also be joining in Chinese New Year activities and learning about the Chinese and traditional customs, talking about foods from around the world and having tasting sessions!

Donations:

- Empty boxes and cartons for the home corner and also boxes and yoghurt pots etc that we can use for our construction area.
- Spare clothes: if you have any clothes that your child no longer requires or your child has out grown we are looking for donations to replenish our dwindling spare box. We particularly need trousers and socks.

Our literacy focus is:

Supporting the children in recognition of their name and letters within their name. This then leads onto naming the initial letters of words and labels that are familiar to them.

Developing mark making techniques in preparation for writing.

Our numeracy focus is:

Counting 1-20 and recognition of numerals along with comparing numerals and quantity.

