

Poppins Post – May, June and July

General News

- Here's hoping you all had a lovely Easter and are enjoying our recent sunny spell!?! We would firstly like to congratulate Nicole on the safe arrival of her daughter - Georgia. She is absolutely beautiful.
- We welcome Gill-our new cook to the Poppins team. She has settled in well but more importantly the children seem to be enjoying her food!
- We would kindly ask that you send your child in appropriate clothes to be able to join in all activities. As the weather seems to be getting warmer, we would ask that you apply 8 hour sun cream to your child before they start their session. If your child attends all day then sun cream will need to be provided in order for staff to reapply after lunch. Please ensure the sun cream is named. Please also ensure that your child brings a coat and sun hat with them every session. We discourage children wearing flip-flops and crocs for safety reasons.
- If you have not liked our Face book 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.
- A polite request that all funded children are dropped off and collected at their allocated times to ensure that strict ratios are maintained at ALL times.
- We do have limited availability for before and after school club in September. If you are thinking of using this service please speak with Kim or Faye **as soon as possible**.
- We will be running a half term Big Kids Holiday Club from Tuesday 31st May till Friday 3rd June. Then in the summer the club will run from Monday 25th July till Friday 2nd September. Please see Kim or Faye for details and places available. The club is for children who have started school 4+ to 11 year olds. Come and join in the fun at Poppins Big Kids Club.

Dates For Your diary

May:

- **Monday 2nd May & Monday 30th May** - Bank Holidays - Nursery closed
- **Monday 9th May** - Photographs
- **Half Term** - 30th May - 3rd June - No NEF funding.

June:

- **Friday 10th June** - Queen's tea party - more details to follow.
- **W/C 13th June** - Father's Day celebrations - with Forest School activities - watch this space??????
- **Wednesday 22nd June** - Sports Day
- **Parents Evening** - a date will be confirmed as soon as possible.

July:

- **Friday 15th July** - Last day of funded term. If you require further childcare please book with Kim or Faye.
- **Friday 15th July** - Pre school Graduation Prom for those children going to school in September. More details regarding timings will follow.

August:

- **Monday 29th August - Friday 2nd September** - No Think 2 stretched funding.

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. We will be saying goodbye to Benjamin and Ivy who will be fluttering down to the Butterfly Room. We will miss them lots but know that they will have lots of fun.

The babies would like to congratulate Nicole on the birth of her daughter - Georgia.

During the month of May we will be exploring mini beasts and making and decorating a range of creepy crawlies! We will be exploring the outdoor area as much as possible and at forest school to see what insects we can find.

Throughout the month of June we will be getting very creative making cards for the special men in our lives as well as updating our art gallery with summer pictures, paintings and collages.

As we enter July and the 'holiday season' can I ask parents/carers to bring in any holiday pictures of your family or friends so that we can create a 'Caterpillar holiday album' for the children to explore. The babies love looking at familiar photos. We will be exploring sand and water play and using lots of sand in our art activities.

A plea - if you have seen your child do something new at home - jot it down and let Kirsty know as this can then be included in your child's learning journey.



Butterfly Room

Firstly, a big warm welcome to all our new butterflies, we hope you have lots of fun during your stay with us. Also good luck to the butterflies who have recently moved into the Ladybird room.

During May we shall be exploring music & movement with ribbons to celebrate May Day as well as accessing the outdoors much more with the weather hopefully warming up.

Also in the month of May we will be planting sunflower seeds and learning how to care for plants whilst we will watch and measure how much they grow. We will also send home a pot with your child's sunflower in so that they can water and care for it at home. We would love you to send in pictures of your child with their fully grown sunflower. These can be sent over via email to info@thepoppinsdaynursery.co.uk if this is an easier option.

Our Butterflies love stories so we will be exploring a different familiar story each week such as Jack and the Beanstalk as well as looking at our story sacs. If your child has a favourite book at home bring it in and they can share it with their friends.

Fathers Day is on June 19th so we will be getting very creative and messy producing something special for our daddies/special people in our lives - that is all we can say at the moment!

We are going to introduce a 'topic table' in the Butterfly room and will be starting it off with the colours red, yellow, green and blue. If you are able to reinforce these colours at home or when you are out and about that would be fantastic.

Linked to the above and colours we are going to look at 'All about me' - eye/hair colour, height, body parts, self portraits and shoe size.

In July we are hoping for the current sunny weather to continue so we can talk about summer holidays and sun safety with the children. Again if you are off on your holidays please send us a postcard and holiday snaps for our new Summer Display board.

If you observe your child(ren) doing something at home that is new please fill a parent/carer observation form, which can be found in the hall way, and pass on to your child's key worker. This can then be included in your child's learning journey.



Ladybird Room

We would like to welcome our new Ladybirds and hope they all settle in well and enjoy ladybird life.

This month the children will be looking at the "Growing process'. The children will plant some seeds and watch them grow. Once the plants have grown the children will be measuring how tall they have grown and putting them in place order according to size. **(understanding the world, maths- shape, space and measure)**

This theme will be linked to Our new story "Jack and the beanstalk" **(literacy)**

In forest school we will be attempting to grow our very own runner bean teepee, which we hope will turn out great for the children to investigate and explore in the natural environment **(understanding the world)**

The children will also prepare the garden area by weeding and adding fresh compost so they can grow their own onions, potatoes and radishes.

Once the produce has grown the children will be able to have a little taste of what they have grown themselves, this will also be linked to numbers - counting , grouping quantities -how many do we have? Encouraging the children to seek challenge in number problems (**mathematics**)

Please could you have a look at home if you have any spare or unwanted kitchen utensils/saucepans etc that you no longer need as our children would like these to use in Our forest school/home corner.

Hopefully over the next few months the weather will remain warmer so please provide your child with labelled sun cream and sun hat to stay at nursery. We will be discussing with the children the importance of sun safety during group time.

We will be looking and speaking about holidays, enabling the children to create their own passports, luggage labels, postcards and holiday booking forms incorporating a travel agents into play allowing the children to discuss holiday experiences and explore looking at holiday brochures.

The children will be sorting out clothes suitable for hot and cold weather working together putting them into a suitcase (**personal, social and emotional**)

The ladybird children will be busy creating structures creating aeroplanes and other transport of which they travel on holiday.

Our focus for the last term is very much about 'preparing the children for school'. We will be focusing on maintaining attention during a story, name recognition and independently putting on and taking off coats and shoes.

Children leaving for school. Those of you that have children aged 3 and 4 and have made school applications for September 2016, will have received confirmation of your school place on 18th April 2016. Please let your key person know your child's new school when you find out. In the next few months staff will already be preparing documents ready for their transition and chatting to teachers. We will also be holding a parents evening on so that you can look through the transition paperwork with your key person.

If you have any clothing that your child has borrowed please could you kindly return as Our stock is running low

Thankyou ☺

**ALL THE VERY BEST TO ALL OUR LADY BIRDS GOING TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER
_ WE WILL MISS YOU LOTS**

