

# FAMILY NEWS

October 2021



We are delighted to let you know that Sarah has joined our team as our Nursery Cook. Sarah has many years' experience working as a chef and providing children with a balanced varied diet. Sarah enjoys being outside and pottering in her garden and loves walking. She has a very grown-up family who she loves spending time with. We are very excited to implement her ideas into our menu.

We are also excited to let you know that on Monday 18th October, the interior refurb will begin. The majority of work will happen in the evenings and weekends to ensure there is limited disruption to our nursery day. Although this is happening our nursery days and the children's individual routines will remain the same.

One of our parents in our pre-school room has recently swum the English Channel raising money and awareness for McMillian cancer. She was part of a relay team of 4 and they completed the swim in 13 hours 34 minutes – what an incredible achievement!

If you would like to donate, please see below their story and just giving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/claire-page14>

We are holding another Open Day on Saturday 9th October 2021 between 11am – 3pm. If you would like to pop over for a morning of musical fun, we would love to see you there. If you wish to attend, please contact the office, and let us know.

We hope you are enjoying the Eylog app and getting updates and pictures of your child/children. We have really enjoyed seeing your updates and pictures of your weekend adventures and home achievements. We are now uploading daily diaries for all children for you to view at home, this includes their lunches, teas, snacks, sleeps and toileting.

For those children who have transferred into a new room, please look out for your child's key worker update which will be on Eylog. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.





### The Baby Snug

We have had a fun filled month in the baby snug and it has been very messy! The babies have enjoyed using different senses to engage in new learning opportunities. They have explored flour, rice, pasta, beans, and oats! They have been sharing resources and toys with their friends, helping with their personal, social, and emotional development.

We like to use Makaton regularly throughout the day for words such as 'more', 'please', 'thank you', 'waiting' and 'eat'. The babies are getting very good at using Makaton throughout the day and you may notice them using it at home! Makaton is a great way to support their language development and communication.

Although there has been a change in the weather, the babies have still embraced the outdoor environment with excitement! A little bit of rain has not stopped them from enjoying outside and having lots of fun. Some of them have enjoyed the new bikes outside and the outdoor water feature, filling up the watering cans and watering all the plants.

### The Toddler Den

We have been very busy in the toddler room over the last month, we have been exploring and experimenting with a range of different resources and our natural environment. From mixing and pouring ingredients, to weighing them out using our large wooden scales, supporting their magnificent mathematic skills.

Toddler room have shown an interest in the variety of different fruit and vegetables in the home corner. From this, we looked at different fruit and vegetables using all their senses. We discussed, as a group, where these foods come from and how they are grown. This linked in with their mathematic development as we spoke about the different shapes and sizes of the food, which enabled the children to notice different shapes and objects in their environment.

### The Pre-School Study

A special visit from a frog sent our pre-schoolers running for magnifying glasses! A variety of activities flowed from this, such as using our large muscles to hop like frogs. Several songs were inspired by our visitor, and it encouraged group participation, using our voices and movements.

Through discussion and visuals, the children were able to understand the key features of the life cycle of a frog. The children also planted bulbs in our special planters. We are looking forward to observing the concept of growth, change and decay over time with natural materials as they observe the changes to the bulbs through the seasons.

The children have also been sharing photographs of their special families at circle time as they are beginning to make sense of their own life story and family history. This activity has encouraged language development and builds on their confidence as they have shared things about the people they love.



## Covid

We are continuing to take the following precautions to minimise the spread of covid within our nurseries:

- All staff are continuing to lateral flow test twice weekly.
- Good hygiene procedures remain in place; appropriate cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Anyone with signs and symptoms, particularly a temperature, are to not attend the setting until a negative PCR result is confirmed and emailed. This is to support prompt isolation of suspected cases.
- Encouraging vaccination uptake for eligible students and staff.
- Checking the temperature of anyone entering the nursery.
- Masks to be worn by parents and visitors who enter the building.

## October dates!

**Interior refurb to begin**

Monday 18th October

**Katie's Birthday** 6th October

**Kirsten's Birthday** 13th October

**Lynne's Birthday** 23rd October

**Leah's Birthday** 27th October

**Halloween dress up week**

Monday 25th – 29th October

**Half term week (For TTO children)**

Monday 25th – 29th October

**Christmas Fayre** 4th December

## Small reminders

The weather seems to be surprising us and constantly changing, please could you ensure that your children come to nursery with the following.

- Spare clothes (named) we only have limited spare clothes at the nursery
- Coats (named) This is essential as the children do go out in all weathers.
- Water bottles (named)

## WSCC Funding

If you are currently claiming the extended government funding, please do not forget to renew your eligibility code. This needs to be carried out every 3 months and can be completed through your government log in. If you do not re-confirm your child's code, your claim for the extended funding will be declined and we will be unable to claim the extra hours which will be reflected in your invoice.

Please be aware, we have joined the "Tax Free Childcare" scheme. If you would like more information and to know if you are eligible, please click the link below.

[www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

## Staff holidays

**Debbie** 4th – 8th October

**Leah** 11th – 18th October

**Kirsten** 18th – 22nd October

**Katie** 25th – 29th October

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