

Watford Newsletter

APRIL 2024

March brought another month full of successful events.

As always, we would like to thank everyone for their support with our nursery events and hope you enjoy them as much as we do.

Please do see below dates for your diary, these can also be found on the room notice boards and event slips are emailed out to as well.

What we've been up to

Even though the weather has been very wet throughout March, we have had lots of fun getting out into the garden, from splashing in big puddles to doing large paintwork.

We will be developing the garden ready for Spring and hopefully soon will see some of our seeds in the growing areas come to life!

Rhyme and Book of the Month

Every month each room focuses on a rhyme or book of the month. They develop this each week in a variety of ways. We wanted to share these with you so you can incorporate them at home.

Hedgehogs: How Does The Butterfly Go

Butterflies: Hop Little Bunnies

Little Toads: The Colour Monsters

Owls: All Kinds Of Families



Dates for your diary

Event	Date
Easter Bonnet Parade	02.04.2024 – 3 pm
Parents Evening	24.04.2024- book time with key person
WellChild fundraiser - preschool sponsored dance, Cake Sale, wear purple	25.04.2024



Parent/carers notices

- Our school leavers will be finding out their school allocation this month. We would like to wish you all the best on this day. Just to remind you we need to be notified of which school your child receives as we are required to provide transition information. Please ensure once you have been allocated your school place that you pop an email over to us letting us know.
- Hedgehogs and Butterflies are still creating family books for the room. If you haven't sent over a selection of family photos, please do so these can be created for all children.



- Just a reminder that we require children to bring spare clothes to the nursery, whilst we do have some spare clothing on site this is very limited, and cannot always guarantee we will have spare clothing available.
- Don't forget to email over pictures of key events/home learning. This is shared with the room and the children love seeing pictures of their home life in their nursery environment.

Recipe of the month Courgette Pakoras

Ingredients:

- 2 Medium Courgettes (grated)
- 1 Red Onion (grated)
- 175g Gram Flour
- 1 Red Chili
- 1 tsp Coriander
- 1 tsp Ginger
- Sunflower Oil
- Chutney (for serving)

Method:

- Put all the ingredients, except the oil, in a bowl with ½ tsp salt, and squidge it all together using your hands. The moisture from the courgettes should help bind everything together; you want a sticky but not overly wet mixture.
- Fill a heavy-based saucepan no more than a third full of sunflower oil and set over medium heat until the oil reaches 180C. If you don't have a cooking thermometer, test it's ready by dropping in a pinch of the pakora mixture. It should sizzle and turn golden brown after 10-20 seconds.
- Carefully drop tablespoons of the mixture into the oil, using another tablespoon to help you slide them in. Fry for about 2 mins before turning and cooking for a further 2-3 mins until golden brown, crisp and cooked through. Continue frying in batches until all the mixture has been used up.
- Leave to drain on kitchen paper. You can keep the cooked pakoras warm in a low oven while you make the rest. Serve immediately with your favourite chutney, if you like.

Kind Regards

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