

Welcome,

Thank you for taking the time to read our monthly newsletter. We had a wonderful February full of learning and fun – find out what we have planned for this month and more!

What's to come...

On Thursday 5th March, we are celebrating World Book Day.

The children are more than welcome to bring in their favourite book and/or wear something with their favourite book character on it.

Reading has such an impact on children's language development and understanding of the world around them.

We will also be supporting Comic Relief – there will be a donations pot available at the office. The children are welcome to wear something red or their pyjamas!



To celebrate Mother's Day, we will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 13th March. Refreshments will be available at the front of the nursery for you to enjoy!



What we have been up to...

In Owls, the children have started to explore Daffodils and incorporating them within their mark making experiences, using similar colours and creating their own ideas with them.

The staff have adjusted the mealtime routine in the room which allows the children to have easier access to the room once each meal has finished.

The children have been learning sign language with their group time song 'What's the Weather Today?'. Introducing simple signs with the children can help with communication and language barriers as well as supporting children with EAL.

Little Toads have been exploring the life cycle of plants, growing their own broad beans and talking about the changes they can see. The staff want to also introduce the life cycle of a butterfly and allow the children to watch how they start as an egg and then develop into a butterfly.

Little Toads also did some lovely artwork around Lunar New Year, creating their own Chinese lanterns and talking about the culture to support their understanding of the difference in people around the world.

In Hedgehogs, the children have been spending more time out in the bigger garden, giving them opportunities to develop on their gross motor skills, with climbing apparatus to support this.

Hedgehogs have also enjoyed some large mark making activities, using different parts of their body to develop on their sensory exploration.



Parent Notices

Reminder -

Please could we remind all parents that when dropping off and collecting your child, it is important that you sign them in on the paper register. The staff may use the EY to sign children in, but this is for the benefit of filtering children for the daily diary updates.

Please could we also remind parents that we ask you to pick up and drop off your child within their booked session. With pick up, staff want to ensure that parents are given a thorough hand over and to please allow yourselves time to have this.

Staff Updates:

We would like to let all parents know that Tania (based in Hedgehogs), who went on Maternity leave last year will not be returning to Toad Hall. Tania would like to focus on spending more quality time with her family. We would like to wish her all the best!

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
5 th March	World Book Day
13 th March	Mother's Day Breakfast
20 th March	Comic Relief

NO MOBILE PHONE POLICY
We would like to remind parents that due to the safety of our children we ask for no mobiles to be used within the nursery.



Recipe of the Month - Shepherd's Pie with seasonal vegetables



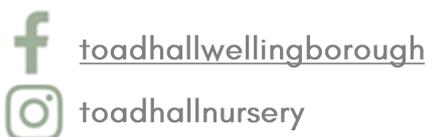
(Serves 4)

Ingredients

Lamb mince - 400 g
Carrots (peeled and diced) - 1 whole
Onions - 1 whole
Garlic - 1 clove
Rosemary (dried) - 1 Tsp
Potatoes - 350 g
Butter - 50 g
Tin Tomatoes - 400 g

Method

1. Heat a pan with oil and add lamb mince to cook it. Remove from pan to drain excess fat.
2. Dice onions and mince garlic.
3. Peel and dice carrots.
4. Heat a pan with a little oil, fry onions with garlic and carrots until soft, add rosemary and tomatoes.
5. Add the cooked lamb mince to the pan and stir and simmer.
6. Serve with mashed potatoes (mashed with butter) or place potatoes on top and bake.



Kind Regards
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