

Both our Nursery and Pre school settings would like to say a big welcome to all the new children we have had join us over the last few weeks. We are very aware that starting a new setting is a big transition for children but especially in these current times. Our children have done so well coming into new environments without their parents and settling so well, we would like to say a big well done each of them.

Thank you to the parents who have replied regarding key worker phone calls, zooms and menus. We will be in touch to arrange these at a convenient time.

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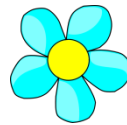
Welcome a new member of staff Lily who has several years' nursery experience and wanted to find a role that means she could spend more time with the children. She will be based in Toddler room and will say hello at handovers. She has some brilliant ideas for activities and is a hit with the children already.



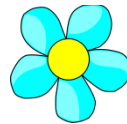
Nursery theme of the month is food. The children have enjoyed

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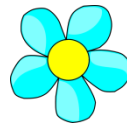
exploring fruit and veg at our 'tiddlers' market' so much so that we are dedicating a whole month to all things food related. We will look at food from around the world, healthy and unhealthy eating, changing textures of food when raw and cooked.



The lower nursery is excited to see our plants grow! We have been focusing our attention on spring and growth. They have planted tomatoes, beans and our strawberries are coming back from last year. The children have used magnifying glasses to explore and investigate the details of plant roots in clear cups. They have helped smooth out the soil ready for planting and even planted beans already. This will tie into our food theme.



The baby room staff are finding ways to challenge themselves by producing all sorts of edible messy play. With lots of new young babies starting and things going in mouths we have been conscious of making things safe and fun for everyone.



It is international nurses' day Wednesday 12th May. Please come dressed as nurses and doctors to celebrate and thank the NHS. We will be telling the children all about people who help us and the importance of people's roles.

Pre School



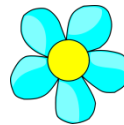
At Pre school during the month of March our topic was Maths. We covered colour, shape, number, and measure. Our practitioners set up exciting activities to along this topic to be fun in every way, from experimenting with colour mixing to having shape hunts and even drawing around our friends to encourage language such as biggest, smallest, short and tall.

Our topic now is Spring, which covers planting, minibeast, new life and life cycles. All children have planted a runner bean seed which they have been looking after at Pre school and watching them grow. We will be sending this home soon and it would be lovely for the children to continue to look after them and send us pictures of how big they get!

Our digging tuff tray which was full of vegetable for the children dig up was a great hit, they really enjoyed discussing where and how different vegetables grow.

Pre school were extremely lucky on Thursday 6th May to be visited by a local lady called Jo who brought along two lambs to meet the children. Ewan

and Delilah were just five weeks old; they will eventually be used as therapy lambs for adults with mental health issues. The children responded so well to our guests, Jo said she would love to bring the lambs back in a few months when they are a bit bigger, which we are very much looking forward to!



With the end of the summer term fast approaching we continue to work with our children that will be starting Primary school in September. Miss Kirsty and all other practitioners will be really focusing on 'School readiness' working with the children in many ways to build on the confidence and impedances to ensure the transition to school a happy transition. Over the coming weeks your child's key person will be putting together a document called a 'Moving on form' this will be shared with yourselves and you will be asked for your input, then it will be passed on to their new teacher.



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With warmer weather hopefully around the corner please can we remind all parents to apply sun cream before their child comes in, and to also send sun cream, sun hat in their bag and for it to be clearly labelled.