



Hartley Wintney
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Monkey Puzzle Nursery News

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This Month...

This month the children have been very busy doing lots of interesting things. In the run up to Valentine's Day, the children decorated hearts which were hung throughout the nursery. Have a look in your child's room to see what they have been up to.

Our topic this month is Dinosaurs, so we have also been doing lots of dino-themed activities for the children to enjoy.



Alongside all this excitement, we have started to plan lots of great events and charity fundraising days. Coming up, we have World Book Day, Red Nose Day, and not forgetting Mothers and Father Day of course!

What have we been learning?

In Hedgehogs Room, the children have been experimenting with moving to music. They have been wiggling, waving and jumping to a variety of music.

Moving to music is a great way of supporting the children's physical skills, confidence, as well as developing their ability to express themselves. It has been lovely to see both adults and children having a little boogie and developing their relationships as key worker and key child.

Recently, the children have also been enjoying imaginative play. They've spent lots of time making cups of tea, feeding babies and mixing food together in their new play house.

In Squirrels Room, the children have been busy being crafty, making all sorts of wonderful creations for their Mummies and Daddies and following our dinosaur theme.



The Squirrels have also been using their senses, talking about and exploring textures, sounds and what they see in the world.

Owls Room have been talking about the people who help us, and have recently converted the role-play corner into a hospital. They've been bandaging each other up and making sure everyone's healthy.

Nursery Developments

Since reopening after Christmas, we have been focusing on developing two main areas within the nursery. They are improving ways to communicate with parents and looking at our observation and planning systems to give more regular updates on your children's development.



Parent communication

We have been working with our Parent Committee to come up with good ways to share information and keep you all in the loop regarding nursery events.

We have recently discovered an excellent feature on EYLog which allows me to message you all (individually or as a group) to share information or news. The feedback we had about this feature was very positive so we will continue to develop this.

Over the next few weeks, we will be beginning to share ideas for activities to do with your child at home. These too will be shared using EYLog. We will also be helping you to do these activities by giving you some of the resources in a little pack to take home with you. These will be available at Reception.

If you take a pack home, we would love to see how the activity went. Please feel free to post a picture on EYLog yourselves to let us know!



Observations & Planning

Following the feedback from our Mock Inspections, we have been looking at the observations we write on the children and how we plan for their development.

We hope you have all seen an increase in the number of observations coming through to you on EYLog. These observations are used each week to

determine what your child's interests are and what skills they are practicing.

By determining this information, we have been able to plan a wider variety of activities that support your children's development.

Staff News

We are very sad to inform you that unfortunately, our Nursey Chef, Julie has now left our team. We are currently recruiting for a new Chef to join us, however in the meantime until we find a suitable candidate, Cherry and I will be covering the role ourselves. We both hold a level 2 Food Hygiene certificate.

Coming up:

Tax Free Childcare

From April 2017, a new scheme of Tax-Free Childcare, a new initiative for working parents, will be rolled out to families across the country. This new initiative will soon replace the current Childcare Voucher Scheme.

Here is a link to the government information about this initiative.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free-childcare-10-things-parents-should-know>

Car Seats News

Did you know the rules about children's car seats are changing?



A new law on backless booster car seats (booster cushions) has come into force (a week earlier than the expected launch date of March 1st 2017). The regulation stops manufacturers creating new models of booster cushions for children

shorter than 125cm tall or weighing less than 22kg.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules/using-a-child-car-seat-or-booster-seat>

Upcoming Events & Dates for your Diary!



Monday 20th March – Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day Events

We will be wearing red all week and on Friday 24th, for all children who normally attend, we will be hosting a Pyjama Day. Look out for our cake sales and games to help us fundraise for charity.

Tuesday 24th October 2017 - NURSERY CLOSED – INSET DAY

Nursery will be closed for staff training.

Thank you for reading!

