

It has been a challenging half term in Main Nursery with staff absences due to Covid. In response to this we've had to make changes such as working in bubbles for a few weeks and staff working with different colour groups at group times. The children have adapted really well to these changes and it's been a great opportunity for children to build their resilience, adapt to changes and build positive relationships with different adults.

There has been a focus on story-telling - using 'mini-me's' (mini laminated photos of each child and adult) to go on adventures; magic carpet ride adventures in the outdoor environment; and story boxes to encourage story ideas and sequencing of key events. It has been wonderful to hear the children's imaginative ideas and to encourage those less confident in and familiar with storytelling. In music and movement children have also been involved in active story-telling with music and also tried out some yoga. Look out for the yoga posters that have been posted on Learning Journal.



In Nurture Nursery children have shown interest in a range of resources and areas such as, bathing the babies in the bubbly water, and exploring the movement of the wooden vehicles in, on, around and through a range cardboard surfaces and tubing.

Children have also shown interest in sand play on a larger scale in the 'walk-in' sandpit and developing fine motor skills as they carefully fill and empty the dry sand using teapots and small spoons. Children are joining a small group time in which rhymes and a short story are shared.

'Living Eggs' Fundraiser

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to our Living Eggs project so far. As a part of our enhanced curriculum provision we'd love to offer children the chance to take part in the wonderful 'Living Eggs' project we run each year in the spring term.

If you haven't yet contributed, the suggested donation is £5 per family in order for us to raise the money we need. Donations can be made via Emily in main reception or by bank transfer to: Our 'School Fund' account, using the following reference: Eggs + CHILD'S NAME

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Please can donations be made by Tuesday 1 March in order for us to book in time.



Learning Journals

Thank you to all parents who are accessing Learning Journals and taking part in the activities with their child. We are posting a weekly activity and would love you to participate and post your photos and comments.

World Book Day - 3 March

To celebrate World Book day, we'll be doing some activities in Nursery. £1 book vouchers will be given out to all children which can be swapped for a FREE book or used towards any book. You could use these vouchers in Kenilworth Books in Talisman Square.

Parent meetings

With staff absences this half term, we've not been able to meet with parents as easily. Any outstanding meetings will be arranged for the first couple of weeks back after half-term. Thank you for your patience with this. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you.

Lunch Club

As we have a new group of children beginning to stay for lunch, we would just like to remind parents to send a healthy lunch for their child, no products containing nuts and no drinks, including smoothie style cartons. We do ask that you don't provide too much food in their lunch boxes as the children only have 30 minutes to eat. Grapes, sausages and cherry tomatoes must be cut up lengthways as there have been a number of incidents in the media of children choking. Please ensure the children's lunch boxes and Tupperware containers are named clearly on the outside.

Outside

Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the cold weather, and if possible send them with named hats and gloves. Whilst we ensure children do not spend long periods of time outside when the temperatures are very low, the outdoor spaces are always open.

It would also support us to keep track of all their winter clothing if you show your child how to put gloves in pockets and hats and scarves in their sleeves.

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New Baby Group

Brand new Blissful Baby Massage sessions with Lizzy are starting in March. It's a five week course running from 10.30am - 12 noon each week. Suitable for babies 0-1 years. Please share with family & friends.



Classes

After half-term, we will be running Music classes on Monday mornings, Mini Movers on Tuesdays mornings and Explore & Enquire workshops on Wednesday mornings. All details are on our website.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2021/22

(Nursery closures listed in **yellow**)

Spring term dates: Tuesday 4 January - Friday 8 April 2022

Spring half term: Monday 21 February - Friday 25 February 2022

Teacher Training Day - Monday 28 February - for Nurture Nursery Only
(Main Nursery open as usual)

World Book Day - Thursday 3 March

Red Nose Day - Friday 18 March

Summer term dates: Monday 25 April - Thursday 21 July 2022

Summer half term: Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2022

Teacher Training Day - Monday 6 June (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Open Day for new 2022/23 cohort of children - Wednesday 6 July (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Last day of term - Thursday 21 July 2022

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