



# Kenilworth Nursery School

April 2019 newsletter



## Main Nursery

Towards the end of this term there has been a focus on 'growth'. In small group time the children have been given the opportunity to plant in the outdoor classroom, and have been encouraged to make observations and talk about how their plants change over time.

In music and movement sessions with Lizzy, this work has been supported through dance and role-play making links with the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have listened to different styles of music and thought about how they might represent parts of the story (the growing beanstalk, the giant, the castle and the happily ever after) through movement and role-play.

Over the Easter holidays we will be sending each child home with a bean seed so they can make their very own beanstalk.

We would be interested to hear how tall they grow and pictures and photos would be very welcome!



## Seesaw parents app - OUR BID TO GO GREEN!

In an effort to be as eco-friendly as possible, and also save paper on printing costs, we will be sending out future messages and communications for all children in Main Nursery via the 'Seesaw' parent app. If you have not yet signed up then please see Belinda for your log in. If you do, however, need paper copies of anything then please ask. We thank you for your support to help us reduce our carbon footprint.



## Nurture Nursery

In Nurture Nursery, children have been exploring the natural world. We have watched frogspawn hatch and change into wriggling tadpoles. We have followed this up by learning the song 'Five little speckled frogs', which has also reinforced our counting skills. Spring flowers have been introduced into the creative classroom, and children have used language to describe what they have observed. Children have noticed the colours and shape of the flowers, and some have explained where they have seen similar flowers at home or in their local area.

Paint and felt tipped pens have been used as children have represented their observations on paper.

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Woodwork in our outdoor space is flourishing and children are enjoying making different things with the materials provided. Please encourage your children to discuss what they've been making and bringing home, as it helps add value to the tasks they're undertaking.

**We'd be very grateful for any donations of untreated soft wood, 25mm nails, nuts and bolts, buttons and beads with big holes in if you happen to have any at home.**

A huge thank you for adding your voices to the National Campaign for the Future of Nursery Education via our recent petition! We have had some success as a result. The minister has announced an additional £24million pounds, which will support our supplementary funding for the Summer term of 2020 until a final decision on the future has been made. Please keep raising your voices in support of Maintained Nursery School Education by joining the social media campaign at **#SaveOurNurseries** Your support is invaluable and is working, so please continue!

### Welcome to our new School Office Manager

In January we were joined by Belinda Brown, who is rapidly getting to grips with her new role and getting to know all our families. She has a long standing relationship with the School as a former parent, governor and Clerk to the governing board, so has a very good understanding of the setting. Thank you for making her feel so welcome!



### Emergency school closures

Please be aware that in the event of snow, burst pipes, broken heating systems and any unforeseen circumstances that school will be closed. To sign up for FREE TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS to your mobile, go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk) click on emergency school closures and register an account. You can register an account for up to three different schools. The free subscription automatically ends at the end of July each year.

### Termly voluntary contributions to the School Fund

Parents have been wonderfully generous over the last few years in supporting the school's Voluntary Contribution Fund, which has enabled us to purchase extra resources for the children that would otherwise have been impossible. The suggested termly voluntary contribution is £40, which you are welcome to donate weekly, half termly, termly or annually. Suggested voluntary contributions can be paid by cash, BACs or cheque payable to: Kenilworth Nursery School Fund. Please see Belinda for BACs details and thank you so much from staff and governors for your ongoing support, which is invaluable to us.

### Important diary dates

Easter holidays: Monday 15 - Friday 26 April

**Monday 26 April - Nurture Nursery only - Closed for home visits** (Main Nursery open as usual)

Summer half term: Monday 27 - Friday 31 May

**\*Provisional\*** Extraordinary Teacher Training Day - Monday 3 June (subject to confirmation by governors, there will be no Main Nursery or Nurture Nursery for children)

Teacher Training Day - Friday 21 June (no Main Nursery or Nurture Nursery for children)

Last day of summer term: Friday 19 July

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