

Tiddly Winks Newsletter

June 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our June Newsletter, and as always, we would like to welcome our new families who have recently joined us.

We are looking forward to another exciting and fun filled month! To find out more, please read on...

All the best

Louise and Amelia

Registration forms:

The majority of you would have had new registration forms handed to you from your children's rooms. Please may you complete these and return them as soon as possible to the office as well as bringing in your child's birth certificate to be checked by a member of the team. Thank you!

Eligible Funding:

If you are eligible for funding for the first time from September 2024 please return your 'funding eligibility' forms as soon as possible to the office. These would have been sent via the nursery app for you to complete, however we have hard copies in the office if you need one 😊

News from around the rooms.....

Acorns:

Our babies have thoroughly been enjoying exploring the water play using both their hands and feet. Water play can encourage both gross and fine motor development as the children explore filling and emptying the different containers.

We have also been celebrating international mud day! We have created our very own mud kitchen in our kitchen area, where we have been planting our own plants wearing the gardening gloves.

The benefits of mud kitchen play in the Early Years are endless for child development as it:

- Encourages independence
- Supports children's creativity and imagination
- Develops numeracy, literacy and other specific areas of learning



Dates for the diary:

19th July- Preschool Graduation

Parent messages:

As the weather is becoming a lot warmer, please don't forget to bring a Sun hat!



Bags- Please can all parents take a look through their child's nursery bag and check the spare clothes provided are suitable for the hotter weather.

Holidays- Please let us know if you are not planning on bringing your child into nursery due to sickness or holiday. If your child is not in within two hours of their session start time and we haven't been told in advance, we have the duty to contact you and would hate to disturb you whilst you are away!



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Little Oaks:

For healthy eating week we created our very own fruit smoothies! We carefully cut up the different fruits using our fine motor skills into smaller pieces before blending them. We then enjoyed drinking our delicious smoothies alongside our snack!

Little Oaks have also been developing their physical skills by creating their very own football pitch using the soft play! This is a great way to support the children's listening and attention and hand-eye coordination as they took it in turns to practice kicking the balloon into the goal.



Junipers:

This month we have been enjoying our stories, with our favourites being '10 little Monkeys', 'Wonky Donkey' and 'Gobble, Gobble, Gobble'. We have loved learning the rhymes to each story book. Rhyming prompts children to repeat sounds and patterns, reinforcing their grasp of word sounds.

We have also loved Ice painting, this is a fantastic way to learn about colour mixing as the watercolours easily mix together. It is also a good way for the children to develop their fine motor and gross motor skills and control.



Pre-School:

This month we have been very excited to go on bug hunts in the garden, using the magnifying glasses to look at them in greater detail. The practitioners then extended this activity by allowing the children to have the opportunity to draw what they saw! This is a fantastic way to develop the children's communication and language skills as well as their mark making.

We have also been developing our understanding of healthy eating as we have been looking at different fruits and vegetables. The children have been using their fine motor skills to carefully use the knife to cut the foods in half to look inside. This sparked conversations about where the food has been grown and where they come from.

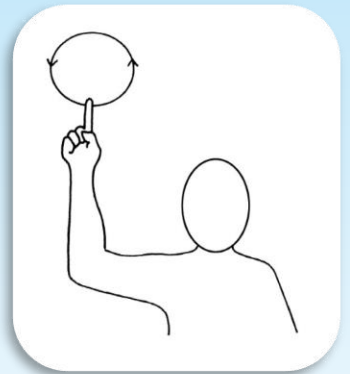


Policy of the month

Our policy folder is available in the front entrance for all parents and visitors to look through.

In addition, this month we will be refreshing ourselves with our 'Transitions' policy which is attached to this newsletter.

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'Sun'



Staff Updates:

We are pleased to announce that **Laura** has accepted the role as the Nursery SENCO, she will be doing this alongside her current role as Room Leader of Junipers. We know that Laura will do amazing in her new position 😊

We are pleased share with you that **Hannah** is joining our Tiddly Winks team. Hannah has been a student with us over the last year whilst she has been studying her level 2 and will be joining us throughout the Summer before returning to college in September to study for her level 3. She is truly wonderful and know she will be an asset to the team!

We would also like to congratulate **Dan** who has accepted the role as the Deputy Room Leader in Preschool. We think he is the perfect person for the role!



Dish of the month:

Crunchy lettuce salad wraps with sweet satay dip



Ingredients:

- 2 Little Gem lettuces, outer leaves only, or loose-leaf lettuce
- 1 cooked chicken breast, chopped
- 1 carrot, grated
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cucumber, sliced
- 2 radishes, thinly sliced
- handful of coriander or mint leaves

For the sweet satay dip

- 2 tbsp peanut or almond butter
- 1 tbsp sweet chilli sauce
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp soy sauce
- 1 lime, $\frac{1}{2}$ juiced, $\frac{1}{2}$ cut into wedges to serve

Method:

- **STEP 1**
For the dip, combine the peanut butter, chilli sauce, soy sauce and lime juice in a bowl, loosening with a splash of cold water, if needed, so it's a drizzling consistency.
- **STEP 2**
Lay a couple of lettuce leaves on a plate and pile a little chicken and some of the veg on each piece. Scatter over the coriander or mint leaves, and squeeze over some lime juice. Drizzle over some of the satay dip, then roll the lettuce around the filling. Serve with the remaining satay on the side for dipping, if you like and the lime wedges for squeezing over.

