

Little Dragons

Newsletter March 2021



We would like to wish Juliet and Arnold a Happy 4th Birthday. We hope you both have a lovely day.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Jasper and Teddy and their families to Pre-school and hope you have lots of fun as you make new friends with us.

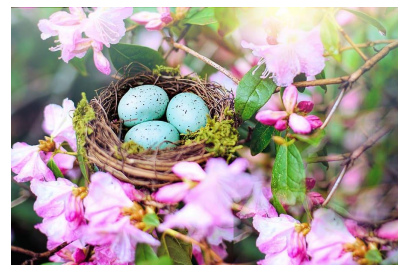
What have we been doing?

We enjoyed talking about people we love and making Valentine cards. The children have also been loving playing outside in the sunshine using raw materials such as pebbles, chalk, hay, water and wooden blocks.

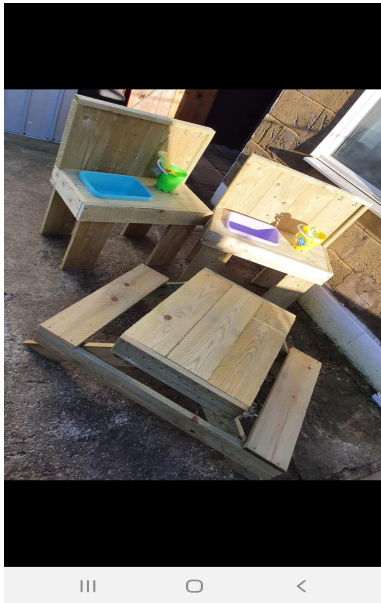
We got involved in World Book Day- see paragraph below!

We will be continuing to talk about people who are special to us in the lead up to Mothers' Day.

We will also be beginning to think about Springtime and Easter as we head towards April.



New garden equipment



We have got our new bench and two new mud kitchens for our garden, the children are really enjoying using the kitchen for many different uses and they often sit around the bench together, reading a book, doing a puzzle or just chatting.



Thank you

We all really enjoyed our tea party with Carolyn - given the current times it was lovely to be able to thank Carolyn for her amazing work over the years and to give the children a chance to say goodbye to her.

Carolyn has asked us to pass her thanks on too:

"Thank you to all the committee and parents for my retirement gifts. I am looking forward to choosing some plants from the garden centre, to plant, as a reminder of my time at Little dragons preschool."

World Book Day



We have had lots of fun throughout the last week celebrating World Book Day. We have read and looked at many of our favourite books and done some activities linking to these.

We have acted out 'The Three Bears' story, counted bears and played with the bears and dolls that look like Goldilocks. We have done dinosaur footprint painting. We have looked at and spoken about different textures as we cut different materials and made a collage with them, linking them to some of our favourite 'That's Not My...' books.

We also hope you have had fun at home taking part in the readathon.

Easter Party

As some of you know our committee holds an annual Easter Party for the children after Pre-school, unfortunately due to Covid we will not be able to hold this as usual. However we would like this event to go ahead so this year it will be held by the staff on the last day of term - Wednesday 31st March, between 11am-1pm. This will include an Easter egg hunt, some games and a picnic lunch.



If your child usually attends on this day you do not need to do anything different - drop them at 9am and collect at usual time, unless they usually go home at 12pm, then they are welcome to stay until 1pm.

If they don't usually attend on a Wednesday you can drop them with us at 11am and collect them at 1pm.

All children are welcome to dress up.

Easter Raffle

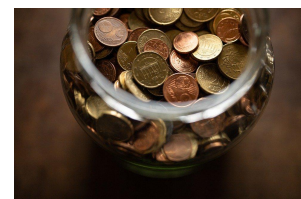


We will be holding a raffle at the end of term with some lovely Easter prizes to win.

The children will be bringing raffle tickets home shortly, and all proceeds will go to Little Dragons'. The tickets will be drawn at the party.

A new 'little dragon'

We have a new dragon at Pre-school! We are hoping it will help us to raise some pocket money. Our new dragon eats money and will sit outside the door - the children will love to feed it some coins and watch as they spiral down into its tummy.



Our dragon needs a name

We are going to name our dragon and would like your help. When the dragon arrives outside the door there will be some slips of paper and a box. Pop a donation in the dragon and write your child's choice of name on the slip of paper and post it in the box. We will announce the name at the end of term.



Safeguarding

Helen and Linda have recently completed their Safer Recruitment Training, to support the interviewing and appointment of a new member of staff.

Support for Parents and families

The last year has been a tough one for us all and we have all struggled at some point in some way. There are many services that can offer help and support during these times, a couple of which you can find links to below:

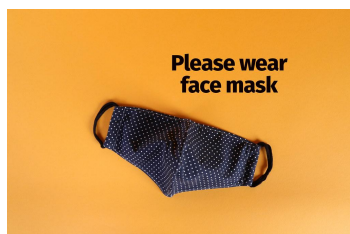
The Wiltshire wellbeing hub can be of support if you do not have close family and friends during lockdown - follow the link below for more information:

<https://adults.wiltshire.gov.uk/Services/1544>

The 'Make a Difference Happy Heads' campaign is run by the BBC and has lots of helpful links to help support our mental health - follow the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4gLbQz1sGL4kgsJ1VjYzjtZ/happy-heads>

Staying Safe at Pre-school



It is fantastic to finally see the number of Covid cases coming down in the news. And as equally fantastic to be welcoming a lot of our children back now. BUT please remember to.....

- continue to self isolate on the path when dropping off/picking up. Please walk up the usual path, waiting at the corner of the building and leave along the long side of the building.
- Wear a mask at all times when dropping off/collecting your child.
- Please keep your child at home if they are unwell or any family member has Covid symptoms- getting a test if required.
- We are asking that the children's bags with spare clothing, nappies etc are kept in Pre-school as much as possible.

Quick reminder

- All children need a named bottle of water in Pre-school every day.
- Please could all snack pots be named so that they find their way back to you.



Term dates

- The last day of term 4 is Wednesday 31st March. Thursday 1st April is a TD Day.
- Term 5 will begin on Monday 19th April.