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Newsletter – Issue 9

Welcome to our 9th newsletter!

Highlights

- **Chicks** – The children experienced the wonderful moment of witnessing ten eggs hatch into lovely chicks. The children had a fantastic time and learnt all about the life cycle;
- **Guinea Pigs** – We now own two adorable guinea pigs, named by the children as 'Chi Cha' and 'Little Bubble Pig';
- **Snakes** – One of our staff members was kind enough to bring in her pet snakes for the children to see – many children were fascinated with no fear except the staff!
- All of our staff recently attended a **full day of training** on the 1st July, where an external trainer from the National Day Nurseries Association provided some excellent training covering all areas of assessment and practice;
- **Sports Day** – Thank you to all the children and staff involved in making our first sports day a success. The children were all involved in sporting activities and also made their own t-shirts; and
- **Planting** – The children have been getting their hands dirty in the garden, with the planting of flowers.

Reminders



- Please ensure we have **your up-to-date contact details** and also emergency contact details
- Please don't leave plastic bags on pegs in your child's bag
- Please check your child's bag regularly as you may need more spare clothes or require a set of different season clothes, especially if your child is toilet training
- For those of you bringing **Buggies** to nursery, please can you remember to fold them down to ensure we can store them easily.
- Please bring in any spare old clothes you may have;
- Please call **by 10am** to inform us if your child will be late or not attending nursery that day;
- Please let us know of any dates your child may be on **holiday** from nursery so that we can amend our records; and
- Please note that **breakfast runs from 8am until 9am**, which then enables the staff to set up and start the children's morning activities

Congratulations



We want to say a Big Congratulations to **Shireen** and **Liz** who have both recently been promoted to a senior level within the nursery.

Mud Kitchen

The staff and children are developing a mud kitchen, which will provide a whole variety of different learning opportunities including sensory, imaginative, creative and exploratory play.

We would welcome any donations of old pots, pans and spoons. Thank You!

Ideas For Home

If you have never tried making your own play dough, this is the time to give it a try. It's very different to store bought play dough, being much softer and lasting a whole lot longer. The benefits of using play dough for young children are wonderful and the play possibilities are endless!

You need:

- 2 cups plain flour (all purpose)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup salt & 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- Up to 1.5 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right) & food colouring (optional)



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Events Coming Up

26th July – Zoolab... will be visiting the nursery again to demonstrate to the children how animals deal with each season and prepare for the season ahead.

27th July – Graduation Ball... a chance for all the children to celebrate with those leaving us for school at the end of the summer.

Please bring in a princess/prince costume or other Disney character costume for your child, if you wish for this day.

Pre School Graduation

At the end of the summer, some of our pre-schoolers will be moving onto school. We would like to celebrate this with a fun and memorable graduation!

If your child is leaving this year, please speak to Natalie to confirm if you are able to attend the graduation ceremony **between 4pm and 5pm on Friday 29th July.**

Parents Evening

The next parents evening will be coming soon..

This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning and development with their key person. Please see the room leaders to make an appointment.

Can You Help?

We are looking to expand the children's knowledge about the community including different occupations and ways of life. If you or anyone you know would like to come into the nursery to talk to the children about what you do for a living or any cultural festivals you celebrate, we would love to hear from you!

Expectations at Sunshine

At Sunshine we promote our expectations within the nursery; please can you help us promote these at home by using the following posters:

Walk when we are inside



Use our indoor voices and kind words



Share and take turns



Keep our hands and feet to ourselves

Regular Visits

Zoolab visit the nursery every quarter to demonstrate to the children how animals deal with each season and prepare for the season ahead. They will be visiting next on the **26th July.**

Totstars visit the nursery on the last Tuesday of every month and provide the Pre-school children with a session on basketball, football and volleyball. To give you an idea of the fun the children have with Totstars, please visit this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtpkM_xBw1Y

Sing & Sign visit the nursery once a month to provide all children with a session on signing.

Dynamic Theatre Arts visit the nursery once a month to provide the toddler and pre school children with a dance session.