

Parents Newsletter

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Valentine's Day Workshop

We would like to thank all of the parents who attended the Valentine's Workshop with their children. We hope that you enjoyed participating in the different activities that were organised.



Workshops will be a common feature throughout the year, so please look out for any posters notifying you of this. If you have any ideas regarding any workshop or general events that you would like the nursery to organise, please inform Sonia or Jenny. Additionally, in the reception area we have testimonial sheets. We would appreciate it if you could write about your experiences at our workshops, what you like at GNG Nursery and what you would possibly like us to change.

Mother's Day Workshop

GNG Nursery would like to invite all Mothers and Grandmothers to our workshop on **Friday 24th March. This will be between 5-6pm.**

There will be various activities set up in order to celebrate Mother's Day.

Please sign up at reception.



Nursery Outing

We are planning a nursery outing for all parents and children, which will take place in **April**. In the past, we have visited Lickey Hills, Beacon Farm, The Sea Life Centre and The Safari Park. These trips have been great fun and we enjoy planning outings for our GNG Nursery family. We also welcome any suggestions, so **if you have any ideas, please speak to Sonia Gill**. Please look out for any posters displayed around the nursery.

First Aid

GNG would like to thank all of the parents who attended part one of their first aid training. It was a great success and we hope that you enjoyed your first session.

Being first aid trained is a great qualification to hold. It's

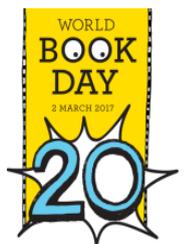
important to be aware of the hazardous signs and symptoms and **know how to act in an emergency**. The second part of the course will be on Saturday 1st April between 9am - 4:30pm. Once the second session has been completed, our parents will receive a first aid certificate, which is valid for three years. We will have more training available in the near future, keep an eye out.



World Book Day

The World Book Day is on **Thursday 2nd March**. We are asking all children to **bring in their favourite book and come dressed as their most beloved book character**.

We are participating in this event to show children the importance of reading. This is vital to a child's learning and development, whereby they can develop upon their literacy, language and communication skills.



Our Garden Area

We would like to remind parents that **in our outdoor area we have a mud kitchen and sand box**. The children are supervised at all times and wear aprons, however we would like to ask parents **not to send their children to nursery wearing expensive coats/jackets as it may get dirty during their play**. Please ensure that hats, scarves and wellies are provided for your child; and **please label these items with their full name**.

Dates For Your Diary: March

1st March - Ash Wednesday (The Beginning of Lent)

2nd March - World Book Day

12th March - Purim (The Celebration of Events in the Hebrew Bible)

13th March - Holi and Hola Mohalla

14th March - Nanakshahi New Year

21st March - Noruz (Iranian New Year)

24th March - Mother's Day Workshop

26th March - Mother's Day

Reminders!

Sickness

If your child has a high temperature, we will call you to collect your child as soon as possible. If your child's temperature continues to rise and they have not been collected within a period of time, we will call an ambulance or 111 for assistance. Please note that you must inform us if your child has been unwell so we can ensure they receive the best suited care.

eyLog

We enjoy watching and seeing your children's video and picture observations; please keep sending them! Newsletters are available for parents on eyLog (a message is sent with the newsletter attached). You can also see our newsletters on Facebook, Twitter and the Nursery website.



Late Fees

We would like to remind all parents that a late fee is applied at a charge of £1 a minute if you are late collecting your child after the agreed time.



Mobile phones

Please remember that **mobile phones are NOT ALLOWED to be used past the point of reception.** If you are seen using your mobile phone past this point, you will be asked to leave. This is for the safety of our children.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Blossom & Rainbow Room Monthly Overview



The Babies have enjoyed participating in our fantasy world theme this term. They have had the opportunity to care for their own baby doll by feeding them, changing their nappy and comforting them when putting them to sleep. During our quiet times, the babies have been looking at books whilst sitting in our igloo house. For Valentine's Day, The babies had great fun making their family a card.

During March, the babies will be learning about different farm animals. To begin with, we have been focusing on "Peppa Pig". Our babies have begun to replicate animal noises. Our older babies can also say words such as "baby", "peppa pig", "this" and "there". We will continue to learn about different animals by focusing on the children's interests.



Sunrise Room Monthly Overview



In Sunrise the children have been focusing on princesses and princes for their topic this month. They have all enjoyed dressing up and participating in various activities around the Fantasy World topic. The children have really enjoyed singing and dancing to "Let It Go". Sunrise have listened to and watched stories on the computer, such as: Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Gruffalo Child and Frozen. This month, we will be focusing on living things and looking at animals and insects. Sunrise will have the responsibility of looking after their own cress plants by planting and watering them.



Preschool Room Monthly Overview



Throughout this term Preschool have been learning and participating in activities based on a number of different stories. The stories focused upon were: The Gruffalo and the Gruffalo's Child, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, Whatever Next and Frozen. We have been decorating dresses for the ball, making cookies, three different types of houses for the little pigs using straws, sticks, and brown squares for bricks. We have also been planting in the outdoor area where the children were able to grow their own beans.

We have learnt more about the Chinese New Year. Preschool enjoyed making dragons and putting them on the display. All of the children have enjoyed looking at their beautiful work around the nursery. Preschool now have a homework folder in reception that all parents are welcome to access. We have received positive feedback from parents regarding the homework. The children have enjoyed completing the homework and love seeing this work put on display. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the new term.