

Parents Newsletter

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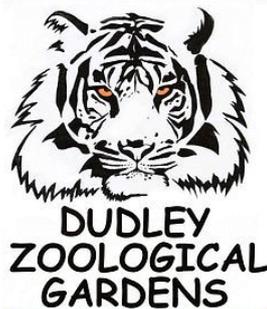
Temporary Accommodation

As you are aware, GNG Nursery has been closed due to a water leak at the nursery. All of our parents/carers have been offered temporary accommodation at Fireflies Nursery, where our staff are also working during this time. We would like to thank Fireflies Nursery for accommodating us. We would also like to thank all of our parents for being patient and understanding. We are working hard to ensure that GNG Nursery is back open as soon as it is completely safe to do so. We will continue to keep you informed of any news.



Dudley Zoo Trip

We would like to remind you that we are organising a nursery trip to Dudley Zoo on Monday 10th of April. If you haven't already done so, please let us know if you would like to attend. The entrance fee for adults is £10.50, children aged 3-15 are charged £9.00 and 0-2 year olds go free. We are meeting at Dudley Zoo for 10am by the giraffe statue. For any more details about the trip please ring GNG Nursery or Fireflies Nursery to speak to a member of management. We would love to see you all there.



Half Term

The last day of the Spring term is Friday the 7th of April. Funded children will return on the week beginning Monday 24th April. We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter holiday.



First Aid

GNG would like to thank all of the parents who attended part two of their first aid training. It was a great success and we hope that you enjoyed your final 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**. We will have more training available in the near future, so please keep an eye out.



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**.

Additionally, please provide extra nappies, wipes and a full set of clothing for your child whilst at the nursery.

Dates For Your Diary: April

7th April - Last Day for Funded Children

9th April - Palm Sunday

10th - 21st April - Easter Holidays (The Nursery is Closed for Funded Children)

10th April - Dudley Zoo Trip (The Nursery is Closed)

14th April - Good Friday (Bank Holiday)
Vaisakhi

16th April - Easter Sunday

17th April - Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)

23rd April - ST George's Day

24th April - Start of the New Term (Funded Children are back)

29th April - International Dance 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



This month, the babies have shown an interest in birds and flowers. Whilst outdoors, the babies enjoy looking at the birds and point at them. They like exploring the garden and enjoyed playing in the kitchen (in the den).

The babies have enjoyed looking at other animals books and are beginning to identify the sound animals make. We have visited the library and the children have enjoyed walking to and from both buildings. At the moment, the baby's favourite nursery rhyme is "Baa Baa Woolly Sheep". When practitioners ask the children which song they would like to sing, the babies always choose "baa baa". The nursery rhyme display board focuses on this song. Babies used paper plates, and cotton wool. They enjoyed feeling the textures of the cotton wool.



Sunrise Room Monthly Overview



Sunrise have been learning about living things i.e. how plants and flowers grow and the different insects and animals found in our garden. All of our Sunrise children have enjoyed joining in with physical movements/dance activities. This has helped them to understand the growth process of living things. Sunrise have participated in yoga activities and imaginative play using water and plants. They have enjoyed learning new songs and make their own songs by providing their suggestions at our group discussion time. They have also learned about making healthy choices and eating lots of fruits and vegetables through listening to the Hungry Caterpillar story. Sunrise were very busy creating their Mother's Day cards. We will be focusing on animals and plants in greater detail this month. Sunrise are looking forward to visiting Dudley Zoo.



Preschool Room Monthly Overview



This term the children have enjoyed learning about living things and the environment in which they live. We have looked at the life cycles of plants, bees and ladybirds. The children have been really interested in how their bean seeds have been growing in our GNG Garden. The children are able to speak about the different parts of a plant. We have introduced sequencing and healthy foods into the children's learning through the Hungry Caterpillar story and ordering flowers and insects by height and size. The children have enjoyed playing at Fireflies Nursery. They have been outdoors looking for insects and planting grass seeds in the baby's garden.