



Newsletter - Summer 2022



This summer we say good bye to our pre-school children, some of whom have been with us for 4 years! We wish them all the very best of luck at BIG school and look forward to welcoming them back to visit either in school clubs or for a social event.

Fun in the sun...

Now that summer is just around the corner, please can all children have a named sun hat and bottle of sun cream with them every day.

These can be stored at Scallywags during the summer. Lotion will be applied to all children each day; please ensure we have plenty of lotion.



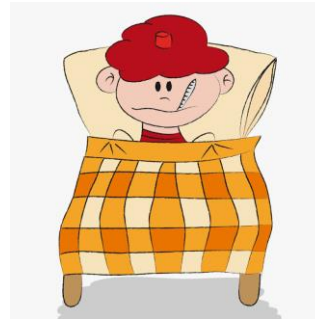
Funding

Funding has now been allocated for all current 3 + year olds claiming 15 or 30 hours. For any child that has their birthday between 1st April and 31st August – application



forms for you applying for funding will be issued in June. Any parent that thinks they are eligible for the 30 free hours should visit the 'Children's Choices' website and register to gain an eligibility code. For more information on pricing of funded places please contact the office. Please can we ask that all completed forms are returned to the nursery office for processing to ensure you are eligible after the summer holidays.

Dealing with sick children...



Please can we politely ask that all sick children are kept off nursery for the designated exclusion time. For sickness and diarrhoea it is 48 hours exclusion from the last case.

Collection from nursery

Over the past few months we have seen more and more children being collected after 6pm. We politely remind you all that nursery closes at 6pm. If you are going to be late collecting your child, we ask that you call the nursery by 5.45 to allow for us to plan for the late collection.



Now Open ...

Hero Town (located next door to the Melbourne nursery) opened its doors on 17th

March. Please visit our website to book into a play and stay session – www.hero-town.co.uk



Online Safety

The NSPPC have some great advice on their website about keeping children safe online. Please take time to look at their website whatever the age of your child <https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

Biscuit Day – Friday 27th May



National Biscuit Day is a celebration of biscuits of all forms – not just cookies, but also oatcakes, crackers, water biscuits, and crispbreads. Today the children will be learning all about measuring ingredients and the importance of following a recipe to make their own personalised biscuits to take home. We also put an invite out to any parents that would like to come in and help between 10-11.30am.... do you have a favourite recipe that you would like to share with the children? Please email the office if you would like to come in and help lead a cooking session

The Queens Jubilee – Wk 30th May

This week the children will be kicking off the celebrations that will no doubt be carried on throughout the week at home.



We will be talking to the children about Queen Elizabeth. We will discuss her role with particular focus around the commitment she has shown our country over the many many years and the skills we need to be committed and persevere.

On Monday we will be making bunting and decorations

On Tuesday we will have a tea party.

On Wednesday it will be everything red, white and blue.

Ocean Day – Wednesday 8th June

World Oceans Day reminds everyone of the major role



the oceans have in everyday life. They are the lungs of our planet and a major source of food and medicine. The purpose of world oceans day is to inform the world of the impact of human actions on the ocean. Today the children will be discovering what life is like in the ocean. They will be learning about all about sea animals and what we need to do to keep these animals safe

Fathers Week – Wk 13th June

This week children will be thinking about the special men in their lives. We ask all children to bring a photo in of a special man in their life to talk about during circle time. During the week, the children will also be making a special gift to take home for the special men in their lives.



We hope you all have a very special day.

Music day – Tuesday 21st June

Music is loved all around the world, often bringing people together and spreading joy. World Music Day celebrates the positive power of music, by encouraging people to gather, play their instruments, dance and sing together.

Today the children are going to be listening to all different types of music and discuss how music makes them feel.

They will be playing musical instruments, counting the beats and having a go at making their own musical instrument.

We invite any parents that have a hidden musical talent to come forward and share their love of music with the children. Please email the office if you would like to come in and play your instrument / sing to the children and talk to the children about your love of music.



Healthy living day – Thursday

7th July

Healthy living day aims to promote healthy eating, drinking and physical activity. By doing



all these, we hope everyone can achieve a healthier way of living.

Today the children will be learning all about how to maintain a healthy life. They will be sorting foods and drinks to find out which ones are most healthy and taking part in an obstacle course to get the heart racing.

Tennis Day – Friday 15th July



What better way could there be to keep your body fit than by doing sports? There are hundreds of sports, both team and individual guaranteeing that everyone can find something that is just right for them. Today the children are going to be learning all about tennis. They will be practising controlling, aiming and hitting the ball. If your child has a racket at home, please bring this along on the day.

Butterfly day – Wednesday

27th July

Today is aimed at raising awareness about the importance of butterfly conservation.



The children will be learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly and how to create the perfect habitat for them. Did you know:

- All butterflies have 4 wings, even if it looks like they only have 2!
- Butterflies flap their wings at least 5 times every second!
- Butterfly wings are actually made up of tiny scales that reflect light to form beautiful colours and patterns.

Sports week – Wk 8th August

The main goal of this week is to highlight how important sport is for children's mental and physical health.

This week the children will be outside learning all about different

types of sports. They will be having a go at team sports - football, hockey, netball and individual sports – javelin, cycling, running, long jump and yoga to name a few. We invite any parents that have a hidden sports talent to come forward and share their love of sport with the children. Please email the office if you would like to come in and play your sport and talk to the children about your sport.



Friendship day – Tuesday 23rd August

Today we encourage people across our nursery community to connect with friends. Make a new friend or reconnect with an old one.

Today the children will be talking about what makes a good friend. They will be making friendship bracelets; the buddy bench will have a spruce up and we will have a party tea.



Senses day – Thursday 8th September



You have 5 senses – sight, smell, sound, taste and touch. Each one of them is really important in your everyday life. You use at least one of your five senses every moment of every day and they are on duty even when you are asleep! Today the children will be learning all about their different senses.

Nursery Rhymes Day – Monday 19th September



Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. As well as being fun they are excellent teaching tools. Nursery rhymes and children's songs boost vocabulary and language development. They help children to develop literacy skills. They provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills. Nursery rhymes help children to develop social, physical and emotional skills

Goopy sticky day – Wednesday 28th September



Today is all about sensory play... children will be exploring all things goopy and sticky... dough, jelly, cornflour, paint, glue. The children will be looking at the texture, smell, weight, colour, of all things goopy and

sticky and will be making some dough to take home to play with. Please can children wear old clothes today... its going to be messy!!!

Staff News

Melbourne site:

- We have welcomed Danielle, Jasmine, Jessica A to the Melbourne team and we hope they will all be happy in their new roles.
- Congratulation to Kaye who has successfully completed Language and Literacy for 2–4-year-olds. As part of the qualification, Scallywags have gained communication friendly setting status.
- Best wishes to Jessica A who is due to go on maternity leave in July. We look forward to hearing about the safe arrival of baby very soon.
- Congratulations to Jessica R who has completed her level 3 in SEN.

Chellaston Site:

- We have welcomed Sammy, Michelle and Zara to the Chellaston team and we hope they will all be happy in their new roles.
- We say a fond farewell to Jazzy and Emily. Both have decided to have career changes and wish them both lots of luck in their new jobs

We hope you all have a very happy summer and manage to enjoy some quality family time following the difficult few years we have all been through.



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