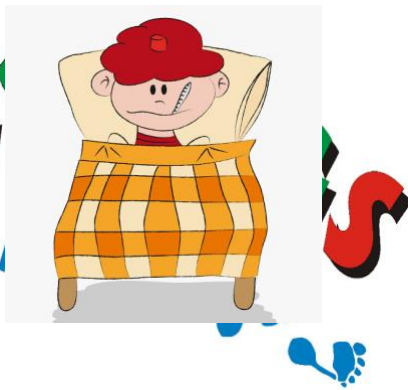


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Newsletter Summer 2024

This summer we say good bye to our pre-school children, some of whom have been with us for many 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 but we do ask that sun cream is applied before your child comes to nursery each day.

Funding

Funding has now been allocated for all current 2 and 3 + year olds claiming 15 or 30 hours from 1st April 2024.

For any child 9 months or over by 31st August 2024 may be eligible for 15- or 30 government funded hours. Application forms for Scallywags to apply for this funding on your behalf will be issued in June.

Any parent that thinks they are eligible for 15 or 30 government funded hours should visit the 'Children's Choices' website and register to gain an eligibility code.

Please note that all children (the term after they turn) 3 years, will be eligible for 15 government funded hours regardless of parental income. There is no eligibility code required apply for this funding.

For more information on pricing of funded places, please contact the nursery office.

Childcare Choices

Please can we ask that all completed forms are returned to the nursery office by 1st August 2024 for processing, to ensure you are eligible for your funded hours from September.

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, whether this be at home or at nursery.

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.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Healthy eating day – Wednesday 8th May

Good nutrition and healthy eating are really important during childhood to ensure that healthy eating patterns and habits are formed from a young age.



Today the children will be learning about a healthy and unhealthy meal and what makes for a balanced diet. We will be taste testing different foods and making fruit kebabs for snack time.

Wild cat day – Tuesday 21st

May

From the tiny Rusty-spotted cat of Sri Lanka to the massive Siberian tiger of the Russian Far East, there are 40 species of

wild cats in the world, and each of them is as beautiful as it is unique.

Today the children will



be learning about wild cats from around the world. They will be looking at maps to find out where tigers, lions, jaguars and snow leopard come from (to name a few), learn about where they like live and how they look after their babies.

Minibeast day – Thursday 30th

May

Eeny Meeny Minibeasts, Fat or Skinny Beasts... today is all about creepy crawlies. During the day the children will

be learning all about different minibeast - ants, bees, beetles, butterflies, caterpillars, crickets, frogs, grasshoppers, ladybirds, snails, spiders and worms.



They will have the opportunity to go on a bug hunt around the nursery grounds, explore minibeasts during sensory play and then finish the day with a delicious hungry caterpillar picnic.

Bicycle day – Monday 3rd June



Today is all about bicycles and scooters. The children will be learning

about the benefits of bike and scooter riding and we are encouraging families to get outside and ride / scoot. We are promoting cycling / scooting as a fuel-free, eco-

friendly, healthy, and safe way to travel. During the day we will be teaching children to use scooters / bikes safely, talking about road safety and having some scooter races in their groups. Today is all about being outside, being active and having fun.

Fathers Week – Wk 10th June



This week children will be thinking about the special people in their lives.

During the week, the children will be making a special gift to take home.

We hope you all have a

very special day.

Gardening day – Friday 21st

June

Today children will be learning all about



gardening and where food

comes from. The children will be exploring the different smells, textures and tastes of herbs and will be helping to plant a room herb garden that they can care for over the summer months in their free flow areas.

Goey sticky day – Tuesday 2nd

July

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



Fairy tale day –

Wednesday

17th

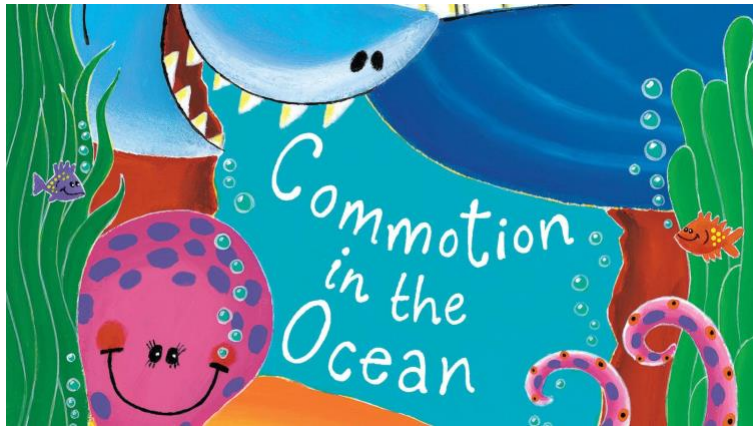
Today we will be hosting a

fairy tale tea party. We are inviting all children to come to nursery dressed as their favourite fairy tale character.

During the day, the children will be reading lots of

different fairy tales, acting them out in our role play areas and preparing for a party tea.

Under the sea day – Wednesday 24th July



Today the children will be reading commotion in the ocean. They will be learning about all the different creatures that lie beneath the waves and will be creating their own coral headdress.

Music day – Monday 5th August

Today is a celebration of all kinds of music from around the world and how important it is in people's lives.



The children will be listening to music, counting the beats and using all different types of instruments to make their own music.

We would also like to 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.

Sports week – Wk 19th August



This week we are highlighting how important sport is for children's mental and physical

health.

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.

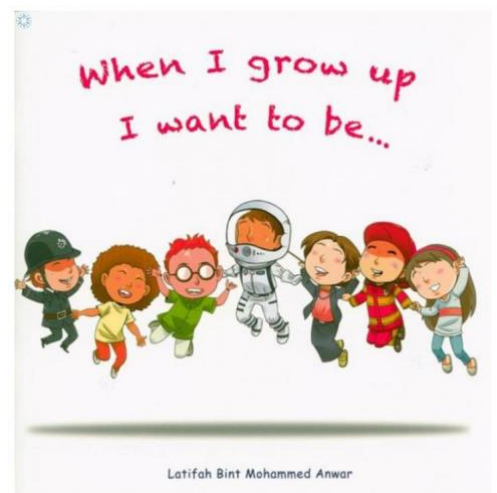
Farmer day – Thursday 12th September



Today is about learning where our food comes from. The children will be learning about how crops are grown and caring for farm animals. They will be learning about how farming is different around the world and the different machinery / methods that farmers use. During snack time the children will visit the farmyard café and will learning all about the production of milk. They will also have the opportunity to make fruit milkshakes.

When I grow up day – Friday 20th September

As children, we all dream of what we want to be when we grow up. Often, children will say that they want to be teachers, firefighters, police officers. Others want to be astronauts or scientists or explorers. Today the children will be having a think about this tricky question and will be creating a giant nursery display to showcase their dreams.



Senses Day – Tuesday 24th 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 and putting them to the test with lots of different activities.



We hope you all have a very happy summer and manage to enjoy some quality family time.

Staff News

Latest Staff News



Melbourne site:

- Congratulations to Danielle and Marcus who welcomed baby Max on 4th January. Both mother and baby are doing well. Danielle will be returning to work at the beginning of June. We look forward to welcoming her back very soon.
- Congratulations to Chloe Bates who has completed her level 2 and is awaiting her results as we go to print!
- Welcome to Sadie to the team. Sadie will be working across the nursery in all rooms.

Chellaston Site:

- Anastasia Brown who has passed her level 3 qualification with distinction.
- Jasmine Kimberly has completed her level 3 and is awaiting her results as we go to print!
- We welcome Charlie Capewell and Lillie Mulligan to our staff team.
- Michelle Galbraith decided not to leave her kitchen and has remained as our chef and her replacement Ana Maria Stefanescu has joined our team as a trainee nursery nurse.

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Parent consultations



Staff are more than happy to set up zoom calls with parents to support with tips, advice, and updates on how your child is getting on at nursery. These chats are available for children that have returned to nursery and children that are still learning at home. If you would like to arrange a virtual catch up chat, please email the office and an invite will be sent out to you.