



## THE GABLES NEWSLETTER JULY TO AUGUST ISSUE

### LITTLE LAMBS

The children have been exploring our community of Manchester. They made Manchester bees, baked Manchester tarts and explored the Manchester transport system. They even held their very own 'One Love Manchester' concert.

Thank you to all the parents in the Lambs room who donated items to create a 'natural sensory basket'. The Lambs have been exploring the different textures and objects you sent in.

Their favourite book at the moment is 'Please Mr Panda'. The children have been busy cooking, making their own doughnuts and have been introduced to basic British Values through this story, which has been reinforced by staff members.

Staff noticed that this story also helped the children to develop an awareness of their own emotions and behaviours.

### LITTLE FARMERS

The children enjoyed taking part in different activities around The Gruffalo story, exploring the deep, dark wood, making Gruffalo crumble in the mud kitchen and 'cooking' in The Gruffalo snack station, trying 'scrambled snake, roasted fox and owl ice-cream'! mmm delicious! NOT!

They enjoyed walking over to our Forest School site, where they sang their Forest School song and held onto their 'magic rope' to keep them together, as they headed into the woodland. Staff conducted their risk assessment of the site, and the children helped by using their telescope, hands and ears to see and hear.

They identified flowers and animals in the woodland and explored using their tent building kit. The staff introduced the children to their health & safety bag, complete with a water/hand washing station. The children had tea a good song-time around their (fake) campfire.

The Farmers loved exploring their new bird watching hideout! They put on camouflage paint to blend in with the garden and sat inside their little house looking out for birds using their binoculars. When they saw the different kinds of birds they ticked them off their checklists.

They saw a Blackbird, a Magpie, and even a baby Thrush which landed on Cherine's head—much to their amusement!



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**Or keep in touch with iConnect/ParentZone, please ask a member of staff if you need help**

**School Leavers**—Some of our Farmers children will be leaving in July to go to school. We will miss them all and wish them the happiest of times for their futures.

**Remember Graduation Day is Fri 20 July**—Please note ticket price is £1 per person, for photos, balloon, popcorn, drinks & buffet—all proceeds to NSPCC.

**Summer time!** - As the weather is now becoming warmer please provide a sunhat for your child and bring 'new sun cream' as most have a 12 month expiration date.

**NSPCC Update**—**THANK YOU SO MUCH** to everyone who attended our Summer Fair. We raised £270 with your help. **Parents & Carers from The Gables have raised a whopping £1,035** in the last 12 months for NSPCC which is AMAZING! Thank you for your ongoing support. Total raised this year was £8,052 and a cheque was presented to NSPCC in June.

### Parent's Council Update

We are looking for parents to join our Parent's Council. If this is something you would like to get involved in please speak to a member of staff. We'd love to hear your thoughts and any ideas for our nursery.

### Question of the Month

Would you like to hear about:- The Benefits of Physical Development? How Can I Prepare My Child For School? (If yes please speak to a member of staff for more information).

### Company News

We are delighted to announce that our newest setting, The School House in Middleton has just been awarded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Many congratulations to Sabrina & her team for all the hard work they've put in over the last two years.

### Photobooks

This is an exciting new offering from iConnect which allows you to create lovely gifts of photobooks by using photos we send you via ParentZone. Please ask for details if you are interested.

### Staff Info & Thank You's



Congratulations & recognition to Lucy Hudson who has been working for us for 14 years! WOW! Lucy

that's some record!

Fisherfield Childcare WON best float at Norden Carnival—Thank you to everyone who came to support us on the day.

### RUNNING WILD Private Parties



If you're interested in booking a child's Private Party at Running Wild go to

[www.runningwildparties.co.uk](http://www.runningwildparties.co.uk)

Or Tel: Paula on 0161 653 1996

### Dates for the Diary

**Mon 2 July**

Wimbledon Tennis Tea Party

**Fri 13 July**

Last Day of Term for Grant Children

**Mon 16 July—Fri 20**

Leavers Week

**Tues 17 July**

Garden Party—Dress for a party!

**Wed 18 July**

Jungle Theme Party Day & A Visit from George the Giraffe!

**Thurs 19 July**

Pyjama Day—Come to nursery in your PJ's

**Fri 20 July**

Graduation Day/Leavers Ceremony (£1 per ticket)

**Mon 6 Aug—Fri 10**

Sports Week! - Remember your PE kit!

**Mon 27 Aug**

Summer Bank Holiday—We are closed



*Bye For Now, Cherine & Team*

