



Sandbrook Park Newsletter March to April



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LITTLE LAMBS LATEST TOPIC - My family

Little Lambs have been exploring the recent topic of 'Family', and staff have enhanced their keyworker boxes with resources from home and activities within the nursery. We took part in role-play activities such as looking after the dolls, and one of our Dads came in to make American pancakes with the children in the baby room!



Home activities are now linked to all children's next steps. Please share these activities with your child and take photo's for us through iConnect.



Staff are continuously working to support children's learning, having recently purchased a new kitchen to support their interest and learning opportunities.

The Countdown to Easter has begun!

We have lots of exciting fun days and activities planned for all the children to enjoy over the Easter period, so look out for our posters and reminders on iConnect.

FARMERS LATEST TOPIC – Occupations, song books & rhymes



Farmers enjoyed exploring the topic of 'occupations' where they took part in a range of activities such as junk modelling to support the fire station role-play and an 'Occupation Lotto' matching game.

The children invited a local pediatric community nurse to visit them where they introduced the role play doctors/nurses, and had fun looking after their 'injured' friends.

They incorporated songs linking to occupations which lead to the current topic 'song books and rhymes'.



If you have any ideas for experiences or activities, please feel free to share. Also, if you know anybody who works within the community who would be willing to come and give a little talk to the children it would be a great help if you could help us contact them.

Playdough Station



The Farmers room have introduced an independent playdough 'creating station', where they have been experimenting with quantities to create the perfect playdough mixture!

This promotes children's physical development/hand eye co-ordination alongside the mathematical aspect of space/shape/measure.

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THANK YOU MESSAGES

A massive Thank You to all our parents for their recent involvement and input. Parents who have recently shown their interest to be involved within our Parent Council please be assured we are finalising the details and will hopefully form a trial run soon after Easter.

Your Junk is Our Treasure

Parents are invited to bring any unwanted and unloved resources to nursery. Do you have that one spoon too many in your cutlery drawer we could use to add to our treasure baskets? Do you have a spare scarf or hat we could use within our dress-up area? Is your cupboard overflowing with Tupperware we could use to create a musical instrument? Spring cleaning is nearly upon us, please think of us, you'd be amazed what we can do with your bits and pieces.



Ongoing Staff Training & Development

The New Year has seen lots of new training for the staff. Specifically in regards to Behaviour Management, Schematic Play, Physical Development & Supporting Children with Additional Languages.

Parents have shown an interest in our Behaviour Management policy and staff are in the process of collating info on techniques to support children's behaviour requirements.

If you would like a copy please speak to a member of staff.

Just a reminder for parents - although the weather is changeable we still provide outdoor play so please could we ask that you provide waterproof coats and wellies for your child.

Remember to check ParentZone regularly, we post updates on upcoming events and activities to help remind you what is happening at nursery. We really value your feedback, so please keep sharing your pictures and ideas with us. If you are having any difficulties with ParentZone please speak to Gemma or Sarah.



Dates for the Diary

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| <u>Thurs 1st March</u> | World Book Day
Dress up as your favourite character and bring in a story book to share with friends! |
| <u>Fri 2nd March</u> | Mother's day present - orders being taken, please ask for details |
| <u>Sun 11th March</u> | Mothering Sunday - The children will be creating some Works of Art for mum! |
| <u>Fri 16th March</u> | St Patrick's Day Party - <u>Wear something Green!</u> |
| <u>Mon 19th March</u> | Easter Bonnet competition and parade! |
| <u>w/c 19th March</u> | Easter egg hunt week |
| <u>w/c 29th March</u> | Easter Bake/sweet treat sale week – all proceeds to NSPCC |

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Fri 30th March

Good Friday

30th March – 15th April **HALF TERM**

Grant only & Term time only children. Returning w/c Monday 16th April.

Mon 2nd April

Easter Monday

During the Easter Break we are running a trip to Running Wild, our exclusive party centre in Middleton. £10 per child covers transport to and from the venue, high staff ratio cover & a snack. Open to all children's rooms. Please speak to your nursery Manager to book a place. For more info please go to www.runningwildparties.co.uk

Mon 23rd April

St George's Day - Wear something Red & White!

Fri 27th April

Pyjama day

FANCY A PARTY?



Did you know that Running Wild, our exclusive children's party centre, located on the top floor at Fisherfield in Middleton, is now on Facebook?

Search 'Running Wild Parties' and like the page to keep up to date with events and news.

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

www.runningwildparties.co.uk - or call Paula on 0161 653 1996

For all current info/updates www.fisherfieldchildcare.co.uk

Bye for now

Gemma & Team



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