



Newsletter  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's time for the March Newsletter and can we start by thanking all our Grandparents who came into the nursery and spent time with the children in different classrooms. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and had fun playing and finding out what the children get up to during their nursery day.

In addition, the feedback we received was very positive and some Grandparents asked if we could have these sessions more frequently. Remember if you have some spare time you are welcome to organise a session to attend supporting the children and maybe if you have a skill you could share this with the children and staff.

### **A Message from the Bluebell & Buttercup Room**

We have enjoyed our animal play theme and had fun getting messy whilst creating some fabulous artwork together. The sensory experiences were a huge success where the children had the opportunity to explore jelly, jungle play in gloop and we also explored water play with the ducks and the rice play in the farmyard.

We are making some changes to the way we plan for our children's development and would love parents to get involved and help us to plan for your child/ren. Please could you speak to the staff in the room if you would like more information.

Please be aware our focus for next month will be numbers and colours where children will have the opportunity to sing songs and rhymes, where children will be encouraged to join in tapping and clapping along to the simple rhythms. We will look at groups of objects in the treasure baskets as well as single items such as: two fir cones and three shells to gain an awareness of changes in number and objects during our play.

### **What's happening in the Daffodil Room?**

We will be looking at traditional stories and rhymes to include Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. Magnificent castles, charming princes, dainty princesses, little elves, wicked witches are all a world of fantasy that casts a spell on you! As young children we all remember the stories such as Cinderella or Sleeping Beauty and the memories of such stories linger on into adulthood. The make believe world of fairy tales nurtures the imagination of children where they can be transformed to an altogether new setting. We will be encouraging children in Daffodil Room to let their imaginations run wild which is essential to the development of a child's creative skills.

We will be transforming our home corner into a fairytale castle, sharing some magical stories and rhymes, getting involved in dressing up, imaginative play and lots more.

If your child has a favourite story or rhyme please let us know. You could send in a classic story from home to share in the room with adults and children or let us know your child's favourite song and we will make sure we include this in the singing sessions.

Furthermore, if you would like to come into the nursery and join us you may wish to tell your favourite story to the children (Please see Michelle).

### **A Message from Poppy Room**

Our children have been expressing an interest in cars and trains; therefore, our topic for March is Transport and Vehicles.

We will be focusing on the different ways of travelling and the types of transport available to us whilst we use junk modelling to make our own vehicles. We will also be incorporating maths into our learning by using shapes and numbers.

In addition, during this month, we will be making Mother's Day cards and will be talking about our mummy's, the special people in our lives and what we love about them.

Please could we ask if you have any unwanted floor cushions or small throws, we could give a home to improve our book corner, making it cosier for the children. We would very much appreciate it. Could we also ask that you name your child's wellies and clothes to avoid loss.

Please make sure that you take home your child's beaker at the end of the day to be washed. Alternatively, we can provide cups for children in the room.

### **Super Sunflowers**

Sunflowers will be exploring a topic of 'Superheroes' during March. The children have really enjoyed travelling in our spaceship and therefore, we have decided to extend the topic and follow the children's interests further.

We will be channelling superhero play by supporting gun and weapon building and turning these into freeze guns or walkie talkies. We will discuss how Superheroes help each other and people in trouble which will lead us quite nicely into making Mother's Day crafts for our very own Super Heroes.

### **Sports Relief - 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

During this week, there will be a sports day on the 10<sup>th</sup> March in the field area of the park opposite the nursery. (For which we hope to have a special guest) and we will be collecting donations for Sport Relief. The children will be participating in various sporting activities from:

- Dance
- Yoga
- Races
- Throwing games
- Musical Bumps (on the Tuesday)
- Village walks and much much more....



We will have a visit from a dentist on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March to help us get ready for our 'Healthy Body Happy Me' week that takes place the following week.

### **Healthy Body Happy Me Week - 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

This week we will be looking at how we can keep healthy by not only continuing with our Sporting activities but looking at what we eat too.

- The children will be making their own sandwiches at teatime.
- Fruit Kebabs
- Smoothies
- Soups

The children will be looking at the body, its various shapes and inside the body through x-rays.

We will be looking at the difference between healthy and unhealthy food, using the 'Eat Well' plate.

Thanks to local businesses, we hope to run a raffle to raise funds for equipment for the nursery. The prizes will be suitable for adults and children, as we would like to support everyone in looking after their body and mind.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> March Sunflower room will have a visit from a Dentist to advise them how best to look after their teeth.

### **Staff News**

Well done to the following staff who have been nominated this month for the managers and employee of the month award.

#### **Managers Award goes to:**

**Shani W** - For being supportive to all staff across the nursery and taking the lead on our planning system. Also, for giving up her free time to spend at the nursery and keeping all paperwork up to date.

#### **Managers Award goes to:**

**Michelle W** - For supporting other staff across the nursery in their learning and development.

#### **Parent and Staff Nominations:**

**Leisa B** - For being so kind and supportive to all the rooms across the nursery during meal times and helping to prepare the food where staff need some extra help.

**Tracy B** - For being so helpful, offering help and completing jobs for the Buttercup and Bluebell Room and for being cheerful, bringing happiness to the workplace.

**Tina S** - For all the support you give to your colleagues in the nursery and for the appreciation you show for staff achievements. Also, for being understanding to others in times of need.

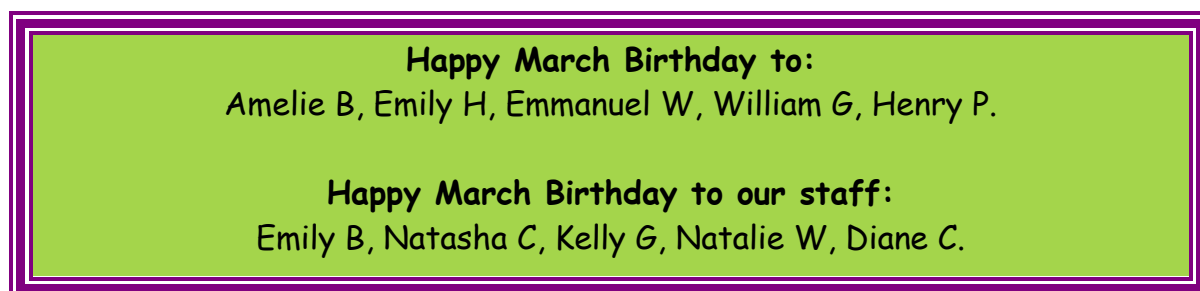
Thank you for all other nominations, which have been received by the staff. It is lovely to receive such positive feedback about the team and recognise their hard work in the nursery.

Remember if you wish to nominate a member of staff in the nursery for something specific please write your nomination on the post-it notes at the reception desk and post in the nominations box. Alternatively, you can e-mail Tina with your nomination.

### **Facebook**

Just a reminder to all families that we have a **closed Facebook group** for parents/carers whose children currently attend the nursery.

So, if you want to join us go to the Sawston Nursery page and put in your request. This is a good place to share ideas and ask questions about child development and the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.



### **Some Important Dates for your Diary 2020**

Musical Bumps	(Second Thursday of the month)
St David's Day	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
Sports Relief	9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Sports Day	10 <sup>th</sup> March
Healthy Body Happy Me	16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> March
St Patricks Day	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Parents Evening	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Group Photographs	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Preschool Leavers Trip	TBC June 2020
Preschool Leavers Graduation	TBC July 2020
Bank Holiday Nursery Closed	10 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Training Day Nursery Closed	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Bank Holiday Nursery Closed	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Bank Holiday Nursery Closed	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Training Day Nursery Closed	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
Bank Holiday Nursery Closed	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020
Individual Photographs	5 <sup>th</sup> + 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Parents Evening	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2020

Further information will be sent to you regarding the above events via e-mail so please keep a look out for details, as sometimes changes to dates are unavoidable and could change.

### **Best Wishes**

**Tina and the Sawston Nursery Team.**