

The Wendy House Impington

Newsletter April 2021



We are very much looking forward to celebrating Easter this month and with it the possibility that we can start to meet up with some family and friends! We have lots of lovely activities planned for the children, including egg hunts around the grounds as well as helping the older children gain some understanding of the meaning behind Easter.

We hope you will enjoy the Easter-themed decorations that the children have helped to make.

Notifying us if your child is taking, or has taken, a covid test

Please remember that we need to be notified as soon as you have booked your child a covid test, weekends included. As you can imagine, there is a lot of anxiety whilst we are waiting on test results due to the ramifications of having to shut down bubbles or close the whole Nursery, so we ask that you notify us as soon as you have your child's test result (even if they are negative) - this applies even at weekends.

We are still on call and checking emails 24/7 as there are a lot of people to notify if we have a confirmed positive result, so if your child is tested at the weekend please don't wait until Monday to let us know. Please also remember that we need to see negative test results before your child can be admitted into Nursery, so don't forget to email it through as soon as possible: enquiries@thewendyhouse.org.uk

Please also remember that if your child is booked for a covid test, your whole family must isolate until you get the result confirmed, so please don't bring in siblings until you have notification. Thank you!

Blossom

As previously advised, we plan to start using Blossom in full next month in May, so please do look out for the email with details about the app later this month. Our staff are currently being trained in how to use the software to its full potential within the rooms. We have had really positive feedback so far and everyone is excited as to how it will help them to track and observe the children.



Please keep your child safe in the car park

We have had our hearts in our mouths on more than one occasion lately when we have seen some of the children running out into the car park unattended at drop off and pick up times, often running between parked cars, which is extremely dangerous. We implore all parents to keep hold of their child's hand when walking them to their car or bikes and be vigilant of 'runners'. We also ask that you ensure the children refrain from kicking or throwing the gravel which lines the Nursery pathway. Thank you in advance.

Festivals & Celebrations

World Book Day

All of the children in the Nursery had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day. Lots of children from all of the rooms came into Nursery dressed up as characters from their favourite stories and shared their favourite stories with their friends.



World Wildlife Day

On World Wildlife Day the children enjoyed learning about animals and their habitats through a series of fun and engaging activities. We used small world activities to focus on British wildlife and animals that inhabit the very grounds that we play in daily. We were lucky to get some great action shots of blue tits and squirrels playing and feeding when we had left for the day.

The children also enjoyed making animals masks and hopping around making animals sounds and reading a selection of animal-themed books.



The Great British Spring Clean

Whilst at the woods our rubbish bag blew away, which gave us a perfect opportunity to discuss litter and how it is bad for the environment. The Sunflowers were very concerned about our local wildlife and they sprung into action to make sure that there was no litter left in the wood.



The Poppies also enjoyed spring cleaning the Poppy room!



Allotment

The Sunflowers helped make our markers for the vegetables in the Allotment. Firstly we cut the sticks using the bow saw and then whittled them so we could then write on the sticks what we have planted! We are all looking forward to tending to the plants as they grow and also learning about different vegetables.



Bluebells



The Bluebells have been working on developing their relationships with their peers, and showed this by giggling while playing alongside each other with the animals and rattles.

We went outside on a very wet day and jumped in all of the puddles! The Bluebells have begun to make links between their experiences and know that when it rains it means it's time to put their wellies on and splash!

'Row Row Row your Boat' was a crowd favourite! The children sat in the tray and rocked back and forth pretending the tray was a boat.

The newest addition to the Bluebell room was the giant beanbag. The Bluebells have been jumping onto the beanbag and have figured out how to get on and off of this on their own - enhancing their Physical Development.



Hello and Goodbye

We welcome Nina to the Bluebell room this month - we're looking forward to you joining in the fun!

We say goodbye to Jack as he moves up the staircase to the Poppy room - have fun up there Jack!

Poppies

The Poppies have been spending time outside this month having lots of fun as the warmer weather approaches. There has been lots of story time outside as the children read books about the wildlife around them. Everyone was excited when two ducks flew into the meadow. The children watched them walk about from a distance being super quiet, so they wouldn't fly away!



As spring is in the air the Poppies have been spending time looking at flowers and spring. They took part in lots of craft activities using paint and tissue paper to make their own bunches of flowers. They were able to have a go at planting their own flowers in the messy tray using pots, mud, spades and pretty pink flowers. They enjoyed looking and touching the flowers as well as smelling them.

Hello and Goodbye

This month we say goodbye to Oliver, Fionn and Joshua as they make the big move down to the Daisy room. We welcome Jack this month to our room - we hope you are ready to get busy Jack!

Daisies

This month in the Daisy room we have enjoyed spending lots of time outdoors making the most of the milder weather. We have taken part in many picnic teas making observations of the natural environment and sounds around us. We were very excited when we had a very windy day exploring wind ribbons and creating our own kites, watching them fly through the air swooping higher and lower.

The children have shown a big interest in stories following on after World Book Day and have particularly enjoyed *The Three Little Pigs*. They have been using logs in the outdoor areas to build their own houses to blow down! The children have also been using the indoor construction toys to build their own houses and towers.



Hello and Goodbye!

This month we welcome Oliver, Fionn and Joshua to the Daisy room. We can't wait to show them all the fun and exciting activities we enjoy!

Sunflowers



This month in the Sunflower room we have loved being out in the wind! We got some ribbons and used them in the wind and danced with them, we saw the rainbow of colours flying all around the garden and waving in all different directions as the wind blew!

We have really started to notice the signs of spring appearing around us. We found daffodils in the Meadow and talked about how they grow from bulbs under the ground. Back in the Sunflower room we created our own daffodil pictures using potato stamps. We also looked at the daffodils in mirrors, talking about the different parts of the flower and how they presented. Some of the Sunflowers thought the head of the flower looked like a trumpet.

We have also been talking about the Romanian spring celebration Mărțișor and we made red and white ribbon sticks and weaved our own red and white pictures. We cannot wait for the blossom to appear on the trees so we can then add the ribbons to them in celebration of the 'reviving of nature'.



Hello and Goodbye!

During March we welcomed Izzy to our room. She has loved Wendy Wood and joining in with our PE sessions!