

# JENNYSWELL CHILDREN'S NURSERY

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### GENERAL NEWS

The summer weather is remaining mostly kind to us, with lots of warm, sunny days been enjoyed by all, long may it continue. Once again a polite reminder to ensure your child/ren have sun hats and cream provided to relevant staff to ensure your child/ren can participate in the various outdoor activities and outings on offer.

We would like to thank all parents who have taken the time over the past month to complete our recent survey either with staff or through e-mail, your views and grades will be collated to influence our Parents Improvement Plan. The result will be displayed in both hallways for you to peruse at your leisure. We would also like to remind all parents of our Parental Involvement Strategy (please find attached with n/letter), providing information on our aims of encouraging parental involvement throughout the nursery. We are hoping to use your input in the implementation of tasks within the Parents Improvement Plan, as with the children's plan providing you with a means to work together and implement change within the service.

### STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Yvonne McGoldrick in completing Intermediate Food Hygiene course, this has been an intensive course lasting 5 weeks, which will now enable Yvonne to train staff in Food Hygiene. Yvonne is our staff development officer, training and evaluating with staff on various levels, she is currently undertaking a policy and procedure review with staff which will be extended to include parents in the near future.

### BABY ROOM

The babies will be extending their theme of 'All about me' this month, developing an awareness of others and their families. Staff will be focusing on cooperative play, encouraging children to play together and share resources, enjoy being together, and contributing towards positive relationships.

Our active babies will also be exploring the physical abilities, taking part in large physical play sessions. Allowing children the opportunity to explore their large physical movements ~ rolling, climbing, crawling, jumping, and also learning to use large physical equipment like balls, chutes, tunnels, soft play etc.

Due to the nice weather the babies have spent some time out and about, they have been to the local nature reserve trying to spy the ducks, the garden centre to see the beautiful flowers and lots of time out the back exploring with the toys and enjoying the sunshine.

### TODDLER ROOM

The toddlers have been extremely busy focusing on how they have grown from a baby and what helps them to grow. They have participated in large physical play sessions, songtime sessions, storytime and lots lots more to aid their knowledge and development. They have also been exploring a healthy diet, finding out what food is 'good' for their bodies and what food is 'bad'. Curricular activities seen the children learn about the aspect of measuring, exploring tape measures and rulers to make lines and learn about distance 'short' and 'long', and also learning about 'full' and 'empty' within the water area.

This month our toddler's curricular activities will see the being busy creatively and exploring a range of creative techniques. They will be painting with string, toothbrushes, spray bottles and sponges to name but a few. As well as exploring printing, drawing, playdough and clay, so very messy and busy times lie ahead.

As you may have seen the toddlers now have their very own doctor's surgery within the playroom. The children are learning about job roles, and experiencing the role of doctors. Staff are playing alongside the children to help their understanding and develop new words and language while the children play along. So far Yvonne has had an operation on her very sore arm, and Emma is suffering from a really bad cold and needs lots of jags and medicine to make her better. I must confess that the Jennyswell NHS Doctors surgery is very prompt with their treatment, I popped in for 5 mins to see the children and already I have had my sore leg looked at and treated by Doctor Ella!!!!

### 3-5 ROOM

Firstly some thank you's, to all the parents who attended the recent Parents Evening and Summer Concert, I'm sure you will all agree both were an outstanding success. Also to the Eco Schools committee (parents, children, & staff) for their hard work and effort in building and implementing their garden plan, recycling campaign and various other projects. We have now sent away for our silver award and hoping to achieve our first green flag by the end of the year.

The summer has arrived at the 3-5 room, and it's time to go exploring. The chosen theme by the children is Mini beasts. So far the children have successfully cared and looked after 5 caterpillars that have now grown into beautiful butterflies, which were only set free a few days ago. All the children's hard work in the garden paid off as upon release the butterflies went straight over to the plants within our sensory garden. To aid their theme Kelly has turned the imaginative area to a mini beast corner where children can go exploring, dress up, and become nature detectives for the day. As you can imagine the children will outdoors as often as possible so please ensure all the relevant clothing and footwear is supplied.

The 3-5 room has recently enjoyed a visit from the mobile library, the children got to hear a story from one of the Liberians, and choose some special books to take back to the nursery to help with some of their themes and learning intentions.

As always the 3-5 room is a hive of activity with loads going on and lots of programmes provided for the children to participate in. Upon evaluating questionnaires both from the parents evening and those from the improvement plan, it has been mentioned that parents would like more information on these programmes etc within the newsletter. The newsletter can be lengthy due to covering all three playrooms and staff news etc so therefore, Kelly will be making a 3-5 parent board within the hallway. This will provide more information to set targets, themes, learning intentions and how you can help and be involved.