



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



We had a very busy week with our Pre-Reception Assembly on Thursday. Thank you all for coming. The children were amazing and we are very proud of them all. Friday was also a huge success with two lovely sessions of 'stay and play' for mums. The children decorated fairy cakes, made mummy and me handprints, played in the role-play, danced in the garden to name a few exciting activities. It is always lovely to have visitors in the Nursery and the children were thrilled to have

mummy to play with. This week we have been looking at the letter 'm'. Melon on the snack table, magnets in the cottage, magic wands in the garden and mother's days treats all around.

We celebrated three birthdays this week with a big birthday cake, yummy! The children have made honey cakes in the kitchen which have been enjoyed at the snack table and they have used their cutting skills to cut up their own fruit to eat. Using their literacy skills, the children have been sequencing the story of Peace at Last, cutting out the pictures and having a go at writing the initial sounds of the noisy things that kept Mr Bear awake!



## Reception News



All the children love PE and Physical Development is a Prime Area of the Foundation Stage curriculum. The children learn to move and control their bodies with stretching, flexibility, balance and creativity. This week the children were exploring ways to use a hoop and their bodies to make a variety of shapes. These gross motor movements help support the fine motor control and stamina that the children need to develop their fine motor coordination and pencil skills. PE, games and dance also require good attention and listening to develop the children's ability to understand and follow instructions. These skills do not always come easily but need to be taught ready for all learning and are part of the Communication and Language section of our curriculum. Lots of PE activities involve taking turns, working in teams and being reminded that we may need to practise in order to achieve. Thus our third Primary Area of the curriculum is also taught through PE. *Learning is fun!* Mars class have been having fun practising very hard for their assembly. Some of our activities this week have required a little secrecy - special love to all of our mummies on Sunday!

*The Foundation Stage Team*

## DIARY DATES



**SHOWCASE MORNING**  
**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 10am – 12 NOON**  
**(Last entry at 11.30am)**

**Please come along and give your child the opportunity to show you all their hard work. Our Year 2 children will be performing a gym display as well as giving a choir and orchestra performance during the morning.**

**We look forward to welcoming you all**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle.**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am – 12.30pm Year 2: St Christopher's Music Festival at St Martin's Church – All Year 2 parents welcome to attend.**

**Considerate Cats this week are: Kai K, Seth J, Lily C, Arabella M, George S, Fenton F, Lily W, Amelia L, Nathan H, Arisa A and Caitriona O.**



***Mathletics***  
***Congratulations for Gold Awards to:***  
***Imogen W and Morgan W.***

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