

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Dear Parents & Carers,

Believe it or not we did start the week in perfect sunshine and I have beautifully lit pictures to prove it! Nursery have been making wonderful creations in their mud Café, using flowers and other natural resources they have chosen themselves.



Our biggest news this week has been the birth of our ten baby chicks. All ten eggs hatched into five beautiful girls and five handsome boys and are incredibly cute! They will be spending some time in each early year's class, please ask your class teacher if you or a sibling would like a peek.



The boys are the yellow ones and the girls are orange, they will be with us for another week then they go back to the farm. However if anyone is interested in keeping chickens at home, you are welcome to have them. Please let the office or your child's teacher know if that is the case.

Over this term the Nursery have started working in small groups doing phonics. They have been learning individual letter sounds and begun to blend them together, actually starting to read! They have been responding really well and choosing to practice what they have learnt independently in a range of ways.

If you were wondering where Miss Johnson, Mrs Tuvey and Miss Mendelssohn were on Wednesday, we went to phonics training for Nursery. By what the children have been producing over the last couple of days, it seems to have paid off!



Verity Carter
Headteacher



Jessica
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Assistant Head
EYFS



Pamela Johnson
Head of
Nursery

Toddler group Wednesday's 9.15 – 10.45
Toddler singing group Thursday's 9.15
singing and music starts from 9.50- 10.15
then stay for a play and a coffee after.

Upcoming dates

Workshops will resume after the half term holiday and will be aimed at new nursery children but any parents are welcome.

MAY

Monday 22nd May – School photos
Thursday 25th May – Family Thursday
9.00-9.45am – Nursery pm 12.45-1.30
Friday 26th May – Nursery cake and buy sale 3.00pm
Friday 26th May – last day of term

JUNE

Monday 5th June – first day of Summer 2 term
Thursday 22nd June 3.30 - Reception to Year 1 parents transition meeting

JULY

Tuesday 4th July 9.30am Reception Welcome Morning and Meet the teacher
Friday 7th July – whole school Meet the Teacher day
Sunday July 2nd – summer fair
Friday 7th July – reports out
Tuesday 11th July – parent drop in for reports
Wednesday 19th July - End of summer term
Finish at 1.30pm

Nursery will also have reduced sessions:
AM 8.45am -10.45am PM – 11.30am -1.30pm

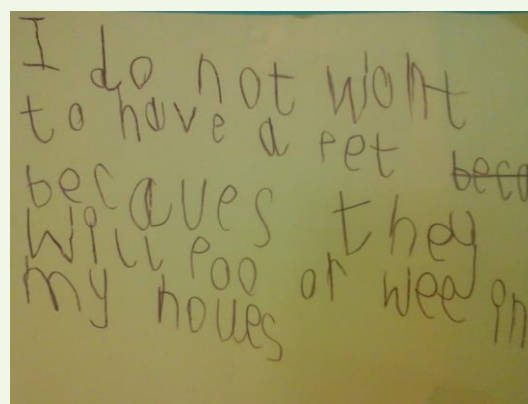
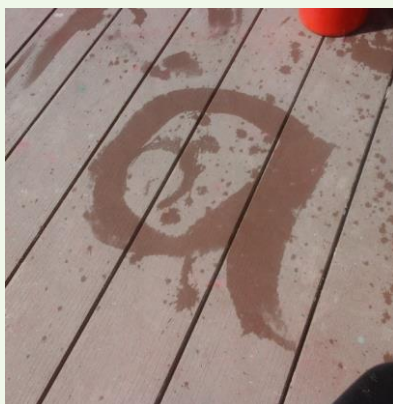
SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 5th September – term starts for Y1-Y6
Friday 8th September – Current Nursery introduction morning in Reception
Monday 11th September Nursery term starts

Reception Farm visit and end of term picnic dates will be confirmed next week.



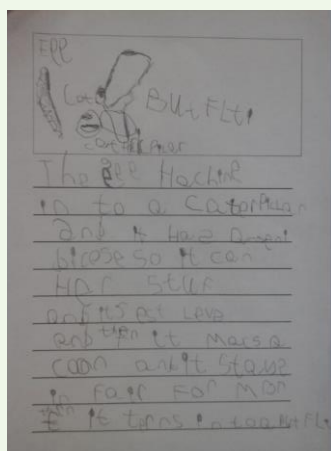
Writing of the week



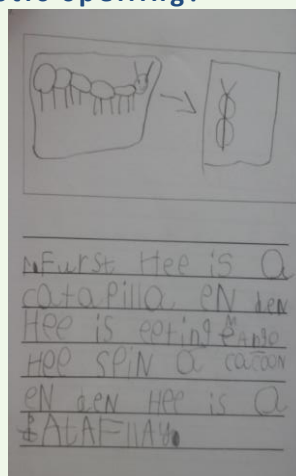
Well done Letitia, Victor and Maria for your lovely /i/'s written perfectly

Well done Maria for perfect /a/ using a large brush and water outside.

Well done Nicolas in RSR for your very clear and informative reason why he does NOT have a pet! Fantastic spelling!



“The egg hatched in to a caterpillar and it has antenna so it can hear stuff
and it eats leaves and it makes a cocoon and it stays in for some time then it turns into a butterfly”
By Henry in RLS



‘First he is a caterpillar and then he is eating mango. He spin a cocoon and then he is a butterfly’
By Mario in RLS

Last week the children in Reception were asked by the Headteacher if they could write down how our caterpillars had changed into butterflies as she has missed it happen. The children responded amazingly, they had no help with their writing either. Here are some amazing pieces from the children in RLS. WELL DONE Mario and Henry!

Stars of the Day

Well done to;

Arfa, Muhammad, David, Ayaya, Thirza, Isaiah, Anais Faith, Maria A, Hussain, Archie, Katie, Kevin, Amanda, Jenna, Ibrahim, Maria, Sami, Fizza, Connor, Nafin, Tahaa, Luqmaan and Victor.



Early Reading



If you are interested in finding out more about how we teach phonics in school, please have a look at the Read Write Inc website. There are lots of videos for parents which you may find interesting, especially if you missed our workshops.

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

Have a great weekend and don't forget to enjoy a story with your children. Regards,

Jessica Mendelssohn

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