



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have been practising their songs for our workshop today. I hope you have had the chance to run through the words with them over the last few weeks.

I have been very impressed with Year 1's knowledge of Picasso, it's been a joy to see the children's enjoyment of acquiring and sharing their knowledge. Last week's trip to the V & A was a great success and seems to have inspired their creativity. Here is some wonderful Picasso inspired art work from Year 1.



NURSERY

What a very exciting start to the week we have had in nursery with the hatching of our butterflies. The children have observed the caterpillars growing and making their cocoons over the past couple of weeks, they have really understood the importance of using their looking eyes instead of their hands to keep the caterpillars safe.



From Sulamon, Aleyah, Damian, Arthur, can you guess whose is who?

Friday was incredible, it was wonderful to see all the children singing and playing their instruments together with such enthusiasm, in front of Damon Albarn. They were fantastic, what an amazing experience. I am sure, one they will remember forever!!





We have had some fabulous observational drawings and comments from the children, Fatima said 'My butterfly is a rainbow.' We will release the butterflies into the garden this week, luckily it's a little warmer than it has been.

The children have also been busy making dens, they were giving Ms Tuvey very specific instructions about where they needed the material to be and solving the problem of where the fabric needed to be attached. Finlay and Ruth imagined the den was a bus by bringing in a steering wheel and they said they were going to the town centre. Amelia kindly made beds for everyone using blankets and cushions. This open ended play really promotes the children's social development as they were thinking about each other and including everyone that was there. They were also learning about spacial awareness as they knew that if they stood up in a low area the material would fall off and their den would collapse!



Another fun week with enormous amounts of learning in the nursery!



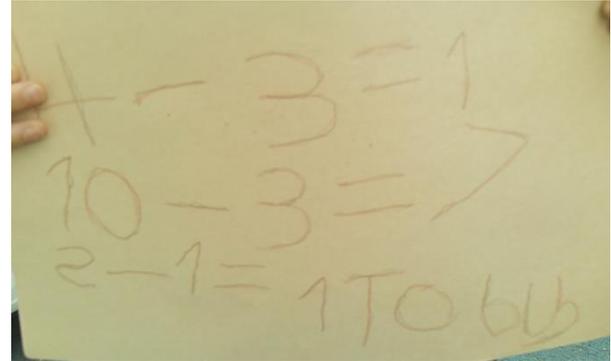
RECEPTION

It has been another busy week in Reception.



The butterflies hatched from their cocoons over the weekend and we have been learning that their wings need to dry out before they can fly away. We tried to release them at the field on Wednesday, but they didn't want to go! We need to try again on a sunnier day.

Ms Ewa joined us at the field this week and invited the children to plant some linen seeds. The children listened carefully to the instructions and we are looking forward to seeing the seeds grow into lovely purple flowers. The children talked about how to keep the seeds safe, and we thought it might be a good idea to make some signs saying 'No stepping on the seeds'.



We have started some circle time sessions in class on a Wednesday afternoon. In Otters we all talked about something that we couldn't do when we started in Reception that we can do now. The children enjoyed sharing their achievements, here are some examples:

"When I started in Reception I didn't know how to do my top button. Now I can." – Daniel.

"When I started in Reception I didn't know how to do my name. Now I can." – Boris.

"When I started in Reception I couldn't find my sounds. Now I can." – Kabir.

"When I started Reception I couldn't read a book that I chose from the Library. Now I can." – Beatrice.



We have been busy using numicon again this week, and children have begun recording their own subtraction number sentences.



In Pine Martens the children discussed when they are feeling different emotions using the hand puppets "I feel happy when....."



During free flow, Pine martens enjoyed putting on a puppet show and making their own puppets.



This week we have been learning about the life and work of Pablo Picasso. The children sequenced some of the key events in Picasso's life, such as growing up in Spain, moving to France and his 'blue' period. They also had a chance to create their own Picasso-style paintings. They sketched an outline of their face and then drew features from both a portrait and profile perspective. They then chose colours to create a cubist effect.



All our singing practise came to fruition on Friday with our visit from Damon Albarn and Africa Express. What an exciting day!

In maths we have been learning about dividing by grouping.

Year 1

WEEKLY DATES

Year 1 went to the V&A and took part in a materials workshop. The children learnt about some new materials such as ceramics and lacquer. We discussed the properties of different materials and went on a hunt around the Chinese section of the museum. We also got a chance to visit the exhibit on theatre and costumes.

Monday mornings - 9.00am - English conversation Classes – these classes are free to all members of the school community.

Wednesday mornings - 9.00 – 10.45 – Toddler Group. Please come and join in the fun. This session is open to all friends and family in the local area.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY APRIL

Thursday 4th April – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 5th April – Easter Bonnet parade
School closes at 1.30

Friday 5th April – Nursery reduced hours, finishes the same time as the main school;

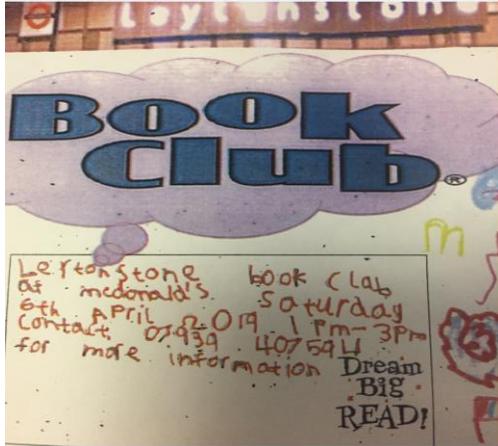
AM 8.45 – 10.45
PM 11.30 – 1.30





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Mary's book club! 6th April



April

Tuesday 23rd – Summer term starts