

George Tomlinson Early Years News!



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Dear parents and carers

I hope you had a good half term break; coming back at this time of year is always easier, knowing the mornings and evenings are getting lighter. As you may have gathered we had a very busy and slightly unexpected end to the term. Ofsted came on a two day visit to inspect George Tomlinson on the Thursday and Friday before we broke up. We had the call on Wednesday at lunch time and it was all systems go until five o'clock on the Friday evening. I would like to thank all the teachers and parents for all their hard work and support over those three days. The children were amazing too, as usual they were highly engaged, hardworking and polite.

Unfortunately I can't say anything about the outcome yet, but we look forward to getting our official report in about a weeks' time.

I have seen some wonderful work over the last few days, especially in the field. The children in Reception discussed what sort of things they could find in the field to produce some transient art. They looked for sticks, leaves, stones and anything else they could find to add to their creations, but the children had to understand that their creations were to stay in the field and not be taken home but also that their projects could be changed and adapted by others and may not be look the same when they came back the following week.

Transient art is non-permanent, constantly evolving and process orientated creativity in action so it's perfect for young children. You often see the children in Nursery making pictures and creations with shiny stones and small interesting objects on mirrors and material.

When children work on **transient art** projects they manipulate, explore and experiment as they work individually or collaboratively, on either large- or small- scale artworks, also perfect for the field. It's a very simple way to make pictures at home or in the park



This week the children were basing their art around animals, a group effort of a Lion by some children in Otter's and Indy's solo project was his centipede.

Weekly Events

Toddler group

Head Teacher Drop-in – Every Wednesday between 9:15 am and 11 am



English classes for Parents and Carers – Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm



Parents' Reading Morning with children in Y1 & Y2 – Every Thursday between 8:45 am and 9:15 am

Upcoming dates

March

Thursday 1st March – WORLD BOOK DAY

Monday 12th March – Maths and Science week

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Reception trip to the Discover center

Thursday 15th – Science Fair
Nursery Tuesday 20th Morning Nursery.

Wednesday 21st for Afternoon Nursery

(We are still awaiting confirmation from the farm, look out for letters next week).

Monday 26th Nursery and Reception Family mornings and Nursery family afternoon.

Tuesday 27th - Easter Bonnet Parade
Wednesday 28th – last day for Nursery

Thursday 29th – School finishes 1.00pm

April

Monday 16th – Back to school

Monday 7th May Bank Holiday – school closed

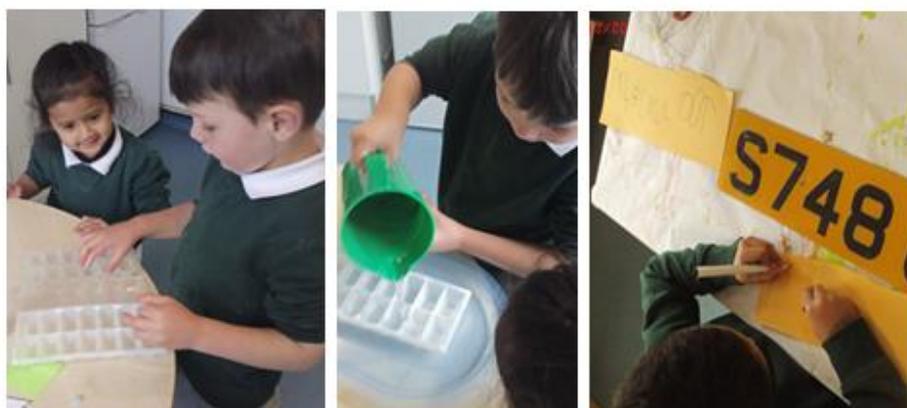


Pinemartens, Otters and Hedgehogs have been learning about Chinese New Year, and made some fantastic dragons for a Chinese Parade on Thursday afternoon. Nursery children enjoyed the colourful visit.

Stars of the Day in Nursery

Congratulations to Kabir, Lianna, Ruben, Shazaman, Ivy, Abdur-Rahman, Arav, Imrane, Tahaa, Thirza and Yaser

We would also like to welcome Ivy to Nursery who started with us on Monday



This week in Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have been busy going on Number Hunts, looking at numbers all around the school.

They have also been making ice, although next week is going to be very cold so they will be able to investigate some natural ice around the garden. Have a great weekend, stay warm! Jessica Mendelssohn EYFS Lead and Assistant Head teacher