

Red Nose Day

Wear red and bring in £1 for charity



News from the Early Years- March 2023

March- April 2023

Half termly knowledge planners

We have sent out half-termly planners for parent/carers to support learning at home for Spring 2. Please have a look at these and let us know if we can support in any other way.

St David's Day

Welsh people wear a daffodil or a leek on this day.

Did you know that daffodils and leeks are the national symbol of Wales?

There are many reasons as to why this is.

It is believed that leeks were put into soldier's helmets during a battle with the Saxons. This was so that you could recognise your fellow soldiers!

It's also believed that the Battle of Crécy took place in a field of leeks.

Daffodils are also used as a national symbol and has recently replaced the leeks a bit more.

They come out around the time of St David's Day!



Contact your GP if you or your child:

- is getting worse
- is feeding or eating much less than normal
- is showing signs of dehydration, like sunken eyes, drowsiness
- has not passed urine for 12 hours
- is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C
- is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- is very tired or irritable
- If your GP is closed, phone the 111 service
- If you feel that you or your child are seriously unwell, trust your own judgement and seek medical assistance!

There are still cases of **Strep A** and we all need to be vigilant. Please remember further information can be found at...

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/streptococcus-a-strep-a>

The Amazing Person for this month is:



Elizabeth Blackwell

She was the first female doctor in the US, and she focused her energies on helping poor women and children. She went on to help in the development of health care and the training of women in medicine.

The character strengths she demonstrated to overcome challenges and difficulties are: courage, empathy and gratitude.

World Book Day

We celebrate world book day on **Friday 3rd March**.

Please remember to dress up as a book character and bring along the book if you can!

Google classroom

You should all have logged onto the Google classroom platform. Please see a member of the team if you have not managed to log on as yet and need help.

Please note new learning experiences will be posted once a month on a Friday on Google classroom for children in the nursery.

Voluntary Contributions

We have not received the voluntary contributions from parent/carers which is used to buy consumables in the early years. We rely heavily upon this donation.

Please bring your £5 contribution (Per half term) into school as soon as you can

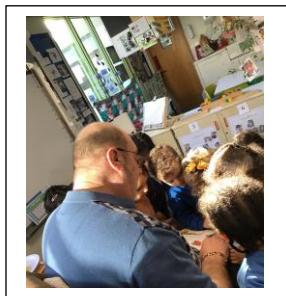
Nursery Class

We welcome three new families into the nursery and are so pleased to see the nursery family expanding!

A big thank you to all the parent/carers who were able to share a story during Storytelling Week.

Did you know that every Monday afternoon the children from Year 5 read with children from the nursery? This is not only fun but a wonderful experience for all the children.

There has been sustained interest in constructing with larger blocks and watching them fall like Humpty Dumpty. The nursery did some research and found out that Humpty Dumpty is a canon not an egg!



The children have looked at the work of the artist Matisse. They have explored direct printing using a range of objects.

Parent/carers brought in their favourite stories and even some puppets too!

What have we been learning



Reception Class

Reception Class have welcomed another child to the class family who has had a great time settling in!

We are learning through our focus book 'What's Under the Bed?' We've been talking about the types of beds that we sleep in and designing our own beds with recyclable materials and different resources. We have also discovered that pipes and wires are '*under the bed*' and have thought about how water and electricity travel in and out of our homes- our little artists have drawn some lovely pictures with lots of detail!

The children enjoyed a dialogical reading session on the story 'The Great Paper Caper' using the story props- It's amazing how many of our children have remembered the new vocabulary learnt from the story!

In maths we have been looking at routes, estimation and measurement. The children particularly enjoyed the activity where they measured their friend's heights.

In Art we have been busy with 'Mono Printing' and weaving, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed!



Important dates for the diary

Parent/carers workshops in the early years

As a result of the completed parent/carer questionnaire about further support the following workshops have been planned.

- Dialogic reading approach Tuesday 14th March in the nursery 3.40-4.25
- Parent consultations in the Early years Thursday 23rd March from 1.30 onwards

Event	Date	Parent support at home
St David's Day	Wednesday 1st March	What do you know about St David's Day ? Read the fun facts attached. Look at our ideas for making a collage daffodil.
Teachers strike	Thursday 2 nd March	Please check emails for updates from Miss Boateng, the Head teacher.
World Book Day	Tuesday 3rd March	Please dress as a character from your favourite book. Bring your favourite book into school
British Museum for reception class- storytelling for young writers	Monday 6 th March	Please feel free to visit this museum again to explore the other areas
Science Week- exploring the theme of connections	Monday 13 th -Friday 17 th March	This year at Holmleigh we will all take part in Science week. During this week we will invite parent/carers into class to carry out scientific investigations. We will send more information nearer the time.
Proposed Teachers Strikes	Wednesday 15 th Thursday 16 th March	Please check letter sent home for further information
Red Nose Day St Patricks Day	Friday 17 th March 2023	Share the St Patricks day story with your child. Have a go at colouring in a 4 leaf clover with different shades of green. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=800-bw9m6U4
Nursery practical crossing skills session EY PARENT CONSULTATIONS Ramadan begins	Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Letter to follow. Please note Nursery will finish at 12.30 on this day for all full-time children and 12 noon as normal for morning children. Reception Class will finish at 12.30 on this day for all children. Please collect your child from the nursery gate.
Spring Day	Wednesday 29 th March	Letter to follow will be sent online and posted on the website.
Last day of term	Friday 31 st March	Please note the school closes at 1.30 on this day. Please check the school website for further information.

Monday 19th June-INSET DAY
Children return as normal on Tuesday 20th June 2023

Things to do at home

Making a collage daffodil- Celebrating St David's Day- Wednesday 1st March 2023

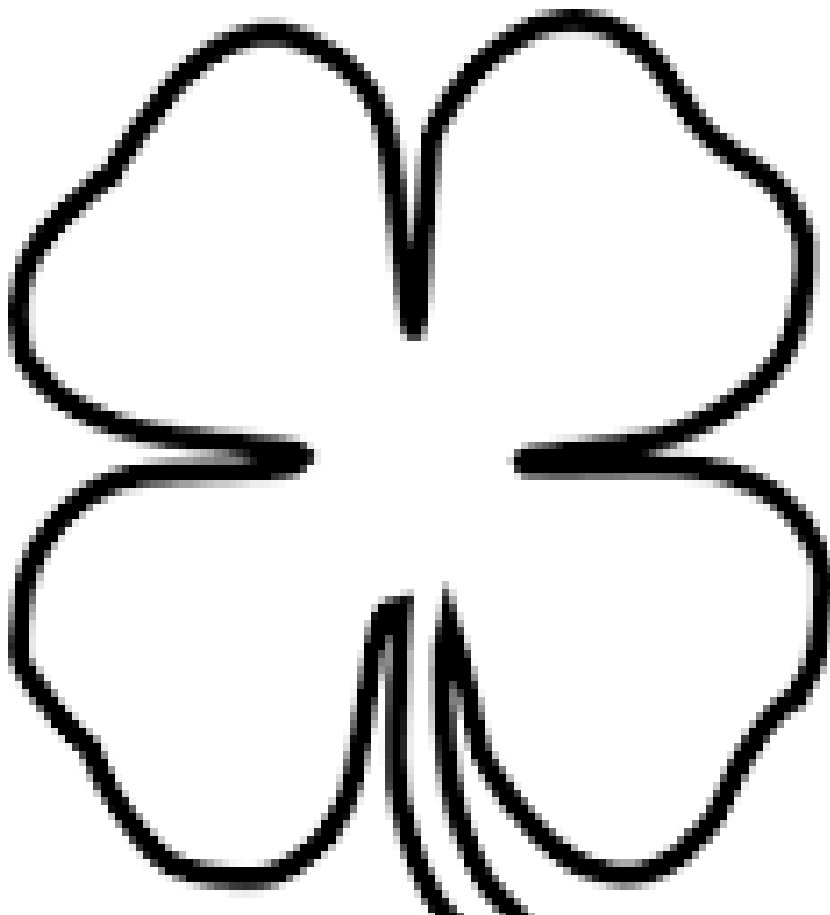
As part of this half-terms art experiences the children across the school will be exploring collage.

Why not make one at home...simple

1. Go on a walk out and about or in the home to find all things yellow!
2. Which others colours can you see? Collect these colours too
3. Get some glue, paper and scissors
4. Arrange the objects where you would like them to be
5. Stick them down
6. Voila! A daffodil collage



Making a 4 leaf clover- Celebrating St Patricks day- Friday 17th March 2023



Cut out and
colour your
shamrock with
different
shades of
green