


# NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023

Little Swans Day Nursery  
April 2023

Welcome to our April Newsletter! We are looking forward to welcoming some new children and families into some of the areas after the Easter break. Some children will also be moving around the areas in nursery, while others will be doing some settling in sessions in other areas ready for when it is time to move on  to the next room. We have a fun month planned, packed full of lots of activities and celebrations, including Eid and the King's Coronation. We also have Parents' Evening at the end of the month, which will replace our monthly staff meeting.

Follow us on  **TWITTER**, search for @swansyardley Or go to our nursery website [www.littleswans.org.uk](http://www.littleswans.org.uk)

You can also keep up to date with nursery events on Facebook Little Swans Day Nursery @Littleswansdaynursery

## Our Nursery Topic This Term is The Environment

### Jelly Babies News

Hello everyone and welcome to this month's news for the babies. We have a fun packed month ahead of us where we have planned activities for the babies to enjoy and engage in which will also help the babies with their next steps.

The babies will be doing a lot of messy and creative activities such as rainbow foam sensory play where we will add shaving foam and paint to a tray so the babies can mix it together with a paint brush to develop their fine motor skills.

During the first week of the month, the babies will be getting ready for Easter by creating cards and Easter baskets which will have a lovely chocolate surprise! The babies will also be making shredded wheat chocolate cupcakes with crushed mini eggs inside. They will also be making chocolate cookies to take home!

We will also be doing lots of box and tunnel play to practise our crawling and climbing. We will be using the puppets to tell stories to the children to bring them alive! The babies will be exploring a sensory bin with rice and food colouring with animals hidden inside for them to find. The babies will also be making shakers, using bottles, pasta and rice. Towards the end of the month, we will be getting ready for Eid where we will be making Eid cards and biscuits. We will also be doing activities to get ready for the King's Coronation such as making crowns and cupcakes.

### Smarties News

This month Smarties have lots of activities planned. We have lots of messy activities planned and some more challenging activities for our older Smarties. We have lots of Easter activities planned including egg stamping, an Easter egg hunt and an Easter Bonnet parade.

We will be talking to the children about Ramadan and Eid, explaining what they are all about and we will be making Eid cards and biscuits.

We will also begin to prepare for the King's Coronation, talking to the children about it and making pieces of artwork such as crowns and British flags.

This month we will be seeing some transition with some of our children moving on to our Preschool rooms and some Jelly Babies moving over to the Smarties room.

We will also be setting up our role play area as a school, to help transition our children moving over to preschool and those moving on to nursery schools in September. We will be looking at books with the children to encourage their interest of reading and teaching them about how to look after books carefully. We will be basing our activities around the children's interests and next steps of learning.

## Jelly Tots News

This month the Jelly Tots will be welcoming some new children who will be settling in for the first 2 weeks of the term. We will be doing some activities around the King's Coronation such as making crowns and painting the British flag. We will be talking to the children about the different colours of the flag as they are painting.

The children will also be learning about and celebrating Eid with their friends by making Eid cards and special gifts for their families. This term we will be introducing the children to different occupations and giving them the opportunity to dress up as different people who help us including hairdressers where they will use appropriate tools to style the dollies hair. The children will be encouraged to build their confidence and speech by talking about their parents' job roles during circle time.

The children will also be exploring sand and water play to talk about different textures such as wet and dry. We will also be adding different textures to the paint to explore different ways of painting. We will also be exploring textures by making playdough.

The children will continue to learn about shapes and numbers by drawing shapes and counting objects.

## Heroes News

Happy Easter to all of our children and families in Heroes! This month we will be having lots of fun doing easter activities; making Easter cards, Easter baskets, activity sheets and yummy chocolate Easter nests! We will also be talking to the children about what Easter is about and watching an Easter video. The children will also be learning the song "Hop Little Bunnies".

We will be doing bubble wrap printing to create an ocean in a tuff tray and we will put rubbish in and encourage the children to clean up the ocean for the animals. We will also be learning about recycling, encouraging the children to put the correct items in the correct recycling boxes.

The children will be learning to write the first letter of their name on the whiteboards and will be encouraged to find objects beginning with the first letter of their name.

We will also be looking at our reflections in the mirrors and drawing self portraits from what we can see.

We will also start planning for the King's Coronation by making crowns. We would appreciate any donations of toilet roll tubes, plastic bottles etc!

## Sweeties News

This term the Sweeties will be carrying on with their Jolly Phonics learning letters and sounds. We will be encouraging the children to practise their pencil control and hold their pencils in a tripod grip. They will also be given the opportunity to use different mark making tools including crayons, felt tip pens and paint brushes.

Sweeties will be exploring different textures such as sand, water, soil and shaving foam, using different tools and equipment while playing. For example using the animals in the soil, talking about the different sizes while still having an opportunity for messy play.

We will be celebrating Eid this month, talking to the children about Ramadan and Eid, making a present and a card using lots of different materials for our families.

As the Sweeties really enjoy cooking and baking, we will be baking and decorating cupcakes. The children will measure the ingredients out using the scales and reading the numbers then mixing the batter together. We will also be starting to do activities based around the King's Coronation which will be on 6<sup>th</sup> May. We will be talking to the children about the Coronation and making crowns, flags and cupcakes. We will also be having an afternoon tea to celebrate.

As the weather starts to improve, we will have the opportunity to spend more time outdoors, which the children really enjoy, playing on the bikes and scooters and climbing equipment.

## Staff Holidays

Rafhit-11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> April

Aisha-6<sup>th</sup> April,

Sumaiyah-6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> April

Nameera-14<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> April

Jodi-17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April

Tia-19<sup>th</sup> April

Lois-28<sup>th</sup> April

Karen-24<sup>th</sup> April

### SEN Drop-in Session

Dee will be holding her regular SEN drop in session on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. This is a great opportunity for parents to discuss any concerns they may have around their child's development. You can also call Dee on the nursery mobile during this time on 07597494216

### Staff News

We are excited to let you know that Elle has given birth to a healthy baby boy on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Both mother and baby are doing well! Welcome to the world Noah!

Shaida has now left us to start her maternity leave so hopefully she is enjoying a rest before the baby comes along.

## Rolos News

This month we will continue with our Jolly Phonics learning. The children really enjoy learning the different sounds, listening to the stories and joining in with the songs! You can find the Jolly Phonics songs on You Tube if you want to get involved at home and don't forget to help your child find objects beginning with each letter that we focus on. The children will also continue with focussing on the first letter of their names and learning the Makaton sign of the week.

This month we will be learning about Eid, how and why it is celebrated and will be making cards and biscuits as well as dancing to some Bangra music!

Towards the end of the month we will also begin to talk about the King's Coronation, telling the children what it is all about and getting creative making crowns, flags and bunting. We will be having an afternoon tea to celebrate the coronation.

We have lots of different creative activities planned, including cooking, making playdough, painting in a variety of ways and gluing and sticking. We will be looking at different textures and encouraging the children to develop their fine motor skills through the use of different mark making tools and scissors. We will be changing our Role Play area to a Doctor's surgery this month, giving the children the opportunity to use bandages and pretend to help people.

### Important Dates for April

Preschool (Heroes, Rolos and Sweeties) will continue with their library visits, your child's keyperson will inform you of the dates.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April-Easter Bonnet Parade (Heroes, Smarties and Jelly Babies)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April-Good Friday (Nursery closed)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April-Easter Monday (Nursery closed)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April-Summer term starts (All children return to nursery)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April-Eid

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April-Parents Evening

### Parent Messages

Can we please ask parents to be respectful when using the car park. We recently had an incident where a child was nearly hit by a car on the car park. For this reason, we are now asking Preschool parents when dropping off in the morning at 9am to line up along the Preschool window and not down the car park where parents are coming on to or have already parked.

This is for the safety of both parents and children.

We would like to remind parents to check the learning journals site. This is important so that you can see your child's daily diary and observations. Staff regularly send out messages to parents on this platform so it is important for you to check. If you need a new link sent for the site please speak to Sam or Sharon

# Have a great month all!!!