


Hello everyone and welcome to our June Newsletter! We have a busy fun filled month ahead with our Preschool children getting ready to go to Big school and singing for the Nannies and Grandads at Carrs Lane.  There is lots of messy play going on at nursery this month giving the children the opportunity to explore lots of different materials!

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## Rolos News

This month we will be focussing on the transition to school. The children will be using their creative skills to make 3D models of school resources, using a variety of materials and practising our cutting skills. We will be learning about healthy eating by categorising foods into groups of healthy and unhealthy foods, using the role play food and hoops. We will be creating our own fruit salads, exploring the different tastes of fruit and linking this to our Startwell character, Faye Five a Day. The children will be creating a Rainbow display using vegetables and paint and will be using role play food and water to make a vegetable soup. As Father's day is approaching, the children will be creating their own cards, looking at different cards and using tools and materials of their choice. As the children have shown an interest in making badges, we will be making our own badges this month for someone special. For Make Music day, we will be getting very messy making our own instruments! We will be exploring how we can create different sounds with our instruments and making music to perform to our friends in small groups. We will be having a very fun filled month.

## Room Messages

### Jelly Babies

Can all parents please wash their child's hands in the sink before entering the baby room. Thank you.

### Rolos

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Can children bring in their favourite fruit and some cardboard for making musical Instruments. Thank you.

Our Topic at nursery for the Summer Term is.....  
OUT AND ABOUT IN THE ENVIRONMENT

## Smarties News

This month we will be celebrating Father's Day with lots of lovely activities such as Father's Day cards, salt dough fingerprint dishes and making a tie for someone special. To develop their communication and language skills, we will be asking the children about their daddy or another special person and why they are special to them. We will also be talking to the children about keeping healthy and what kind of foods are good for them. We will encourage this at snack time by talking about the healthy fruit that we eat. During meal times, we will talk about our favourite foods and find out if they are healthy or not. It is World Music day this month and the children will be taking part in lots of musical activities including singing which will help to develop their speech and language skills. The children have been showing an interest in sensory activities so we will carry on exploring their interest by using shaving foam, sawdust, hay and soil. We will add these materials to their favourite activities, such as the dinosaurs, minibeasts and construction toys. We will also be developing the children's social skills by exploring feelings, talking about saying sorry if we upset our friends. We will use the book "Sorry" to show the children why it is important to apologise to our friends. For our 3 year olds, we will be focussing on recognising their names, using letter blocks and name tags. The children will also be encouraged to begin to copy letters.

## Jelly Babies News

This month it is World Music Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June. The babies will be exploring music and celebrating by making sounds with drums, xylophones, shakers, pots and pans. We will also be singing lots of different Nursery Rhymes. We will be encouraging the babies to take part in dancing activities such as the Tumble Tots songs and giving them different materials to move around with.

We are hoping for some warmer weather this month so that the babies can start to explore more outdoor activities. We will be taking part in lots of different activities including painting rocks, mark making on the floor and painting flowers. The babies will also have the opportunity to explore lots of different water play, such as bathing the dolls and an animal swamp, with animals in a Tuff tray with shaving foam, water, food colouring and brushes.

This month we will also be looking at healthy eating. The babies will be tasting different fruits such as raspberries, blueberries, pineapples and mangoes. They will also use the fruits to make fruit skewers. The babies will be enjoying the healthy meals that Karen, our cook makes and will be encouraged to name the foods as they are eating.

The babies will be creating a healthy plate by gluing and sticking pictures of healthy foods such as peas, carrots, apples, mangoes and oranges onto a paper plate.

## Jelly Tots News

Welcome to another month full of learning and fun opportunities!

This month's book is "Elmer the Elephant" The children will be exploring and learning the story through the seven Areas of the EYFS. They will use the story to learn the Primary and Secondary colours and then explore what different colours can be made by mixing colours. The children will be making their own Elmer the Elephant using an empty milk container and some coloured tissue paper.

This month we will also be looking at emotions and what can make us feel happy or sad. We will use the happy and sad faces so the children can express their feelings. We will also talk to the children about how Elmer felt and that it is ok to be different.

We will be celebrating Father's Day in Jelly Tots by making a special surprise gift for someone special to us. During the last week of June we will be celebrating World Music Day. The children will be making shakers using plastic bottles and lentils. They will explore different sounds with the musical instruments and then come together to perform their music in the "Jelly Tots' Band" Suzy Startwell will be visiting us to raise the children's awareness of how to keep ourselves safe.

The children will continue their learning with 2D shapes, counting to 10 and starting to learn about big and little and on top and under.

We will be exploring messy play with cornflour, shaving foam, pasta, playdough, sand and water and gluing and sticking.

## Sweeties News

The Sweeties will be busy with lots of fun activities this month. The children will be learning about the wildlife around us. They will learn the names of different wildlife and animals in the environment and will have a look to see what creatures they can find in the garden, using the magnifying glasses. Afterwards we will move around the garden like different animals, crawling like a spider, wriggling like a worm and gliding like a butterfly.

As the weather gets warmer, the children will be spending more time outdoors where they can practise their gross motor skills. They will be encouraged to ride the bikes, as learning to ride a bike is an important life skill and provides an opportunity for cardiovascular exercise which helps to keep our hearts healthy.

As the Sweeties love to be active we will be doing lots of running and jumping games. When the weather is not too good we will be doing lots of dancing inside to make sure we are working towards our target of 180 minutes of activity a day. This ties in with our Startwell character 180 Katy and will help to keep the children fit and healthy.

We are planning to do lots of creative activities this month. For Father's Day we will be using different resources to make cards for our Daddies or other special people. During circle time, we will talk about people who are special to us and what we like to do with our families. This will support the children's listening and communication skills.

The Sweeties will be practising their independence skills such as putting on/taking off shoes and coats. We will give the children lots of encouragement and praise. This will link to our Startwell character Sammy Skills.

We will be learning about all of the different Startwell Characters and practising the different songs. We have a very busy month ahead in Sweeties.

## Heroes News

This month in Heroes we will be practising our skills to help us get ready for Big school. We will be doing a new phase of Jolly Phonics work to help us recognise and form letters and will be practising recognising and writing our names. We will also be practising counting and recognising numbers and categorising objects. The children will be working on their fine motor skills through pencil control and scissor skills activities. Heroes will be practising some nursery rhymes and songs for when we go to sing to the Nannies and Grandads at Carrs Lane Residential Home later this month. We will also begin practising for our Graduation and Leavers performance which will take place in July.

As well as lots of learning we will be having lots of fun! We will celebrate World Music Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June by making lots of noise with the musical instruments! We will also have a go at making our own instruments. Heroes will be making their own playdough and will use it to make their own models. They will also explore different textured materials and develop their language skills as they describe how different objects feel. Heroes will continue to enjoy the outdoor area every day, running around, jumping, climbing, balancing and throwing and catching. This links to our Startwell Character 180 Katy who tells us that children need to be active for 180 minutes every day.

## PARENT NOTICES

Staff annual leave for this month: June

Rafhit: 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June

Yousra: 17<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> June

Sam: 27<sup>th</sup> June-1<sup>st</sup> July

Karen: 30<sup>th</sup> June

Our Staff meeting this month is based around Safeguarding. Please remember that all children need to be collected by 4:45pm on this day, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## Important Messages

As Nursery is closed on Thursday and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, cash payments for weekly and monthly fees are due on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, all dinner monies need to be paid weekly.

All children who bring packed lunches will need to bring in their own snacks from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

## Did you know?.....

You may be eligible for the National Healthy Start Scheme. Please click on the link below for more information

<https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/healthy-start-vitamin-information>

## Dates for June

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank Holidays

Nursery Closed on these days

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Recruitment Open Day

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Healthy Eating Week

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Preschool children to sing at Carrs Lane

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Staff First Aid Training

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Fathers Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> World Music Day

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting

Have a Great Month All  
From The Staff Team at  
Little Swans