


NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

Little Swans Day Nursery
May 2023

Welcome to our May Newsletter! The beginning of the month will see the children focussing on the King's Coronation with lots of fun and exciting activities planned, including an Afternoon Tea Party on 5th May. This will also provide a lot of learning opportunities for the children as we will talk about London and  the different landmarks. It is national "Walk to School week" from 15th May so we will be taking some of the children out on local walks and would encourage parents to walk to nursery if they are able to. Hopefully the weather will be getting warmer and we are looking forward to spending more time doing our activities outside!

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Our Nursery Topic This Term is Our Community

Jelly Babies News

Welcome to Jelly Babies' news! This month the babies have a fun and creative month ahead of them as they prepare for the King's Coronation. We will be doing lots of activities, such as making flags using red, white and blue paint and creating crowns to wear.

We will be showing the babies books with pictures of King Charles and different landmarks in London and we will be creating our own castle out of boxes!

We will also be doing some yummy baking, making cupcakes and cookies.

On Friday, the whole nursery will be having an afternoon tea party to celebrate the King's Coronation where we will dress up in our fancy clothes and have a special tea outside.

The babies will be taking part in lots of other activities this month including using coloured ice cubs to make marks and using spray bottles to spray paint, developing their hand/eye coordination and strength in their hands.

The babies will also be exploring a Dinosaur themed Tuff Tray with Dinosaurs and sand.

Smarties News

The weather is getting warmer and we will be taking some of our activities outside. Some of the events we will be celebrating are the King's Coronation, where we will be having an afternoon tea party and Vasaki, where the children will be exploring colours and making lanterns. It is world hygiene month so we will be talking to the children about how important it is to wash their hands. It is also sun awareness week in May so we will be starting summer activities and talking about how to keep ourselves safe in the sun, such as wearing a sunhat and suncream and drinking plenty of water. We also have national vegetarian week and national biscuit day and we will be cooking with the children for these events. As part of deaf awareness week we will be focus on the Makaton signs and songs. We will be developing the children's communication skills through role play and sensory play; introducing new words and textures. We will also be focussing on toilet training as some of the children have started to use the toilet and potty, we will be using the dolls and potty during role play. The children will also be encouraged to use a range of mark making materials and equipment.

Jelly Tots News

Welcome to the month of May. This is a special month due to the King's Coronation. The Jelly Tots will be doing lots of activities coming up to the big event! We will be decorating the British flag, giving it their own touch using paints and tissue paper. We will also be making our own crowns which we will be wearing for our Coronation Tea Party on Friday, where we will be Royal for the day, dressing up in our fancy clothes. The children will also be given the opportunity to build their own castles, using the duplo and junk modelling materials.

We will continue to develop our knowledge of colours and numbers and develop our speech. The children will be practising their counting skills from 1-10 and identifying and naming primary and secondary colours. We will be exploring messy play with shaving foam, pasta and spaghetti play, sand water and soil.

We will talk to the children about the different textures they can feel, soft, rough, cold etc.

The children will continue to talk about their feelings using our feelings board by putting a Happy or Sad face next to their picture to show how they are feeling.

Heroes News

This month the children will be learning about the King's Coronation. We will be celebrating with an Afternoon Tea party on Friday 5th May where we will be having afternoon tea in the garden and celebrating with party games and balloons. We will be watching videos and looking at books so the children can learn about who the King is and what the Coronation is all about. The children will be making crowns using a variety of techniques such as painting, colouring and gluing and sticking. We will also be decorating flags and colouring in pictures of castles and crowns. As well as talking about the King and the Coronation we will also be looking at London and the different landmarks such as Big Ben and Buckingham Palace.

This month we will continue with our Jolly phonics learning; our next letter is "I" We will once again encourage children to bring in items for our letter table and colour table. The children will be given a range of mark making tools to encourage them to form simple letters during structured activities and freeplay. They will be continue learning about numbers by placing cubes in the correct place in the tuff trays.

Sweeties News

During the first week in May Sweeties will be talking about the King's Coronation. We will be looking at books about the King and using different resources to make crowns to wear at our afternoon tea on Friday. We will be doing lots of activities based around the coronation including baking cupcakes and decorating them. The children are always excited to take part in baking activities.

We will continue with jolly Phonics this month, learning about the letters "I" and "N" As usual, we will invite the children to bring in items beginning with the letters for our letter table.

This month we will be changing our role play area into a school to get the children familiar with a classroom.

We will also be talking to the children about going to school during circle time so they can share their experiences.

As the weather is getting warmer we will be doing some of our activities outside, such as painting, sand and water and large construction toys.

The children will also be doing an activity where they will be rescuing the dinosaurs from jelly!

Staff Holidays

Yousra 2nd-5th May

Lois 4th, 5th 11th, 12th May

Jodi 12th May

Aisha 15th May

Tia 18th, 19th May

Sumaiyah 19th May

Samya 24th-26th May

Alisha 26th May

Sehar 30th, 31st May

Sharon 30th, 31st May

SEN Drop-in Session

Dee will be holding her regular SEN drop in session on Wednesday 24th May 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 delighted to let you know that Shaída gave birth to a healthy baby girl on 3rd May! Both mother and baby are doing well!

From Tuesday 9th May, Sharon will be available in the office from 7am-9am, Monday to Friday and will be in the Rolos room from 9am-4pm.

Rolos News

At the beginning of the month, the children will be doing lots of activities to celebrate the King's Coronation. We will be making crowns to wear on the day and making lots of decorations for our room including flags, bunting, paper chains and streamers! We will be celebrating on Friday 5th May between 2 and 4pm with a tea party and lots of fun and games!

We will continue with our Jolly Phonics learning with our letters this month being "l" and "n" We will continue to learn the songs, listen to the stories, make the sounds and form the letters. The children can bring in something beginning with these letters for our letter table. Our colour for the month will be red so the children can also bring in something for the red table. We will also be continuing with our library visits this month, which the children really enjoy.

We have turned our role play area into a castle and the children will be dressing up being kings and queens and knights.

The children will be exploring a wide range of materials including sand, water and playdough to talk about textures.

We will also be using mark making tools to form letters and numbers.

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.

1st May Bank Holiday Nursery closed.

5th May Kings Coronation afternoon tea party.

8th May Bank Holiday Nursery closed.

15th May National Walk to school week

26th May Term time only children break up for half term.

29th May Bank Holiday Nursery closed.

Parent Messages

We would like to remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted in the nursery in any way, for making/receiving calls or taking photographs. Can you please ensure that anyone dropping off or collecting your child is aware of this policy.

Just a reminder that children who attend nursery term time only will break up on Friday 26th May and return on Monday 5th June.

Jelly Tots and Sweeties parents please remember to pay any outstanding snack money for this half term as per your invoices. Thankyou.

Have a great month all!!!