



# March Newsletter

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Hello and Welcome back, we hope you all had a restful  $\frac{1}{2}$  term break and enjoyed eating lots of pancakes. We certainly did ☺

Looking forward to spring this half term children will be learning about the world around them by looking at celebrations such as St Patricks day, Mothering Sunday and Easter

We will also be setting up our outside wormery and Bug Hotel in preparation for planting and looking at mini beasts later on in the term.

We will be talking about and sharing our favourite stories on world book day, 5<sup>th</sup> March and ask children and staff to dress up as their best loved character!

After the success of our fund raising week for the British Heart foundation we have decided to raise money for Red nose day in the same way. Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March we will invite children and staff to dress up in their craziest outfits, including wigs, silly costumes and rednoses for a suggested £1 donation towards a brilliant cause that does so much to help the vulnerable both in this country and abroad.

We will be sending home information regarding the Early Years Foundation Stage explaining how we support your children to learn and develop in preschool in partnership with parents, as always we welcome any input from home and strongly believe that you as parents know your children best.

We have our informal parent's day Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, a chance to look through your child's learning journal and discuss their progress with their keyworker.

If you are unable to attend and would like an appointment with Nicola to discuss any concerns or queries you have about your child's progress then please contact us.

Continuing on from our Healthy eating topic last half term we will be looking at Teeth, how to keep them clean and good food choices... please continue this topic of conversation at home ☺

Best wishes for a happy and healthy half term

All the team at New Millside x

## Star Moments

Help us celebrate your child's development

Here in the pre-school, we get as excited as you do watching your child grow and develop and would like to celebrate all their achievements – whether they happen at pre-school or at home with you. We would love to hear from you about the things your child enjoys or achieves. It helps us create a well-rounded picture of who your child really is.



These 'Star Moments' can tell us about anything of interest that you would like to share with us. For example, your child's favourite bedtime story, the day their first tooth fell out, how they built a tall Lego tower and many more besides!

## Hats and gloves

As the weather remains cold and wet could we request warm coats, hats and gloves for outdoor play and please remember to name all items. If possible please supply your child with a pair of wellies that they can leave at pre-school and a water-proof all in one. The mud kitchen is now underway – so old clothes only please.

## Pre-school clothing

If you child is sent home wearing an item from pre-school please wash and return asap.

### Term Dates

23.02.15 – 27.03.15  
5 weeks

### Uniform

Still have a few items available if you would like to purchase

### Dates to remember

**World Book Day 5<sup>th</sup> March** – dress as a favourite book character

**Red Nose Day 13<sup>th</sup> March** – we will be celebrating over the week with crazy hair, costumes, red noses etc – any session (or every) you like over the week

# Prime areas of EYFS

## Communication and Language Personal social and emotional Development Physical Development

3 Prime Areas are our main focus in preschool as they form a solid base from which children can develop and learn.

Children remain within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) until the end of their first year in reception at school.

The learning journal started at preschool is passed on to their school for teachers to add to and returned to parents before the child enters year one at the end of the EYFS.

Once the 3 Prime areas (above) are secure children are able to develop in the specific areas of the EYFS – Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the world and Expressive arts and design.

Children learn best through play based activities; the way we deliver this in preschool is by combining free flow child led play where practitioners follow the child's interests and more structured adult led activities such as Jolly phonics.

Children are given opportunity for mark making through various mediums such as pens, pencils, crayons, chalks, paints, sand, messy play, clay, mud, play dough ( to name a few)

By introducing phonics children are able to recognise the sounds of letters in their name and practitioners help them to learn their name initially by sight (name cards) and only when they are showing signs of being ready they can start to practice writing their name.

By being secure in the prime areas of the EYFS children are able to extend their learning supported by key workers working in partnership with parents assisting the children to reach their next steps.

Language and communication feeds in to literacy and this can be supported at home by talking and listening to children, giving mark making opportunities, pointing out print and sharing stories together.

Every child works at their own pace and it is important to remember there is so much more to the EYFS than learning to read and write.

Making friends, learning to share and cooperate with others, having confidence and feeling secure in their own abilities all contribute towards the secure base that is required for children to be open engaged learners by the time they reach the end of the EYFS at the start of year one in school.

## Voluntary Donations

If you can make a donation please do as this goes towards visits from Zoolab, children's parties and gifts for the children.

## Fees

Please ensure that these are paid by the date specified on the invoice and paid into account 01557858. Our preferred way of payment is BACS.

## Show & Tell

The children should only bring in items from home for show and tell and that fit in the supplied bag. Please ensure that every item is clearly labelled.

## Pre-existing Injuries

We would like to remind you to inform staff of any bumps, bruises, marks or scratches that your child may have before you leave them for a session so that the correct form can be completed.

## Staff news

We welcome Janine Carter who has joined us this half term. Janine joins us as a one-to-one learning support assistant. We look forward to seeing her settle quickly into the pre-school.