

## Hello and welcome to our Spring Edition

It has been a while so there is plenty of news and information for you to absorb over the Easter break.

We hope you are managing to get on board with the iconnect parentzone Parentzone, the girls are doing a magnificent job at learning all about it and putting it into practice, there is still much to learn at the administrative side of things and Charlotte and Leanne are also working very hard at the data input and learning curve this has given them.

Eventually we will have the whole management system on this and this will really help with billing and administration.

Thank you for your patience and some interesting questions that have been raised. We are very certain that this is definitely the way ahead.

## New Safeguarding Policy

It has been recommended by Government that we track any absence of children due to a tragic case where a parent had passed away and his young children were stuck in the house.

We now ask you please to email or telephone to let us know if your child will not be attending at any time on a booked session, if we do not hear from you we will telephone you to ensure that all is well at home.

We really appreciate your cooperation and understanding on this matter. If you have any questions please do speak to Charlotte or Leanne.  
Thank you

## Security Notice

Please be reminded that Parents and Visitors are asked NOT to let anyone into the building, even if you know it is another parent.

It may take a little time and can be frustrating but the overall security of the building and the children is paramount and this is a very important part of this safety. Thank you for your attention.

## Important - Change of Date

for both the Graduation and Summer Picnic

Due to the Hedge End carnival being announced on the same day as our event we have decided to move the Graduation for school leavers followed by the Picnic to Saturday July 21st we hope you will all be able to make it

The pre-school Graduation Ceremony will commence at 10am followed by the Summer Picnic for the whole nursery at 12 midday to 2pm

More information will follow closer to the day.

## GDPR

General Data Protection Regulation

Some people will be aware of this coming into effect on at the end of May this year. This is legislation aimed at strengthening data protection for all individuals and for them to better control their personal data.

To this end we are reviewing what data we hold, how we store it and how accessible it is for our parents.

We will email additional information regarding this when we are further along the process.

There is more information on this site, in the margin on the left is 'individual rights'

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/>



# Giraffe Room / Pre-School



Hello Everyone

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the children who have joined us from monkey room. They have all settled in well and have already started to make big strides in their development and already being able to find their peg and lunch label. Well done.

We have all been so busy since our last newsletter with lots of new themed activities and planning. Here are a few of our favourites:-

We looked at the Chinese New Year celebrations, we turned the home corner into a Chinese restaurant and the children enjoyed role playing and pretending they were cooking the different variety of Chinese foods. They also looked at Chinese symbols and read books about how Chinese new year is celebrated, this year being the year of the Dog.



The children have also experienced a themed week on measuring and shapes, all the children impressed us on their shape recognition and some looking at 3D shapes. Well done all. The children also had fun measuring themselves with tape measures and string to see who was the tallest. The boys got very competitive and some were even using props to make them selves taller!!

Measuring the children helped promote the children to talk to use mathematical language through their play and also helped support social development, as the children talked to each other as they compared themselves.



We also did two weeks concentrating on the book 'Handa's Surprise', which was a massive hit with all the children. The home corner was turned into a fruit and vegetable shop, the children were pretending to measure the fruit and bagging the it up.

We also had a variety of fruit from the story laid out as a display so the children could explore the fruit themselves. The fruit was then used to help practice their gross motor skills by cutting up the fruit, but also using the chance to taste all the different fruits. We were very impressed how many of the children tried the guava and avocado. The children started to learn about African culture, looking at what they wear, travel and their homes and looking at how different their culture is to ours.

## Key Groups:

Rebecca- Over the last month my key group have been looking at number and letter recognition. This has been done through play or adult – led activities. Some of my key group have also shown an interest in telling the time, so we have been playing number recognition games, drawing clocks and asking the children to draw the lines to the correct numbers. I was so impressed with them all. Leading to a few who are using the clock throughout the day to tell me what time it is. Well done everyone.

Michaela - Since Christmas a lot of my older children have been looking at letters and the sounds they make, some have learnt to write their names and they are very proud of their achievement. Also we have been looking at numbers and different ways to use them, by adding more or having less. We have also been looking at groups and recognizing which have more objects in and those that have less.

Numbers	
1 one	6 six
2 two	7 seven
3 three	8 eight
4 four	9 nine
5 five	10 ten

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Katie- In my key group we have been doing lots of learning and building new relationships. We have all been looking at numbers and counting and all the children are improving in their counting, with lots now recognizing 1-5. A few of my children have also been learning about what happens when we mix different paint colours together and how we can use this for our play.

Sophie - Over the last month my key group have been focusing on letter recognition and formation. They have all done really well doing this and some even writing their names for the first time. well done. Some children in my group have also been interested in shape and space so we have done lots of fun activities focusing on their interests. My older children have been very helpful helping the new children settle in, either by cutting up their food or playing with them and having lots of fun!

## Pre- school Notices

Please can wellies be brought in daily and labelled in a plastic bag, as we like to venture into the garden even in the rain!! (Hopefully less weather soon).

Please can all clothing be labelled so we can return clothes to the correct child.

When leaving the building please can we ask you not to let any adults in unless they have been recognised by a member of the team, this allows us to know whose coming into the building and helping the children stay safe.

Can we ask that mobile phones are not used within the setting, if you have photos that you would like your key person to see please load them on Iconnect Parentzone

Please upload any photos or milestone moments on to Iconnect Parentzone, we would like to see them as this will also help us know your child's interests and help plan their next steps.

Thank you all for your continuous support and encouragement and looking forward to the spring term!

### Breakfast Club Reminder

If children are dropped off for Breakfast Club at 7.50 am or later, they will then be given breakfast in their own rooms as they often have not finished eating by the time the rest of the Nursery opens at 8 am, this is less hectic and much easier to manage for all this way.

Thank You





Hello Everyone we have plenty of news as it has been so long!

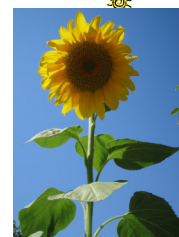
Here in the Monkey room we are all enjoying these nice spring days, the snow was brilliant whilst it lasted, but we do prefer the warmth and sunshine!

Easter is the next celebration we are all looking forward to, we have been practising for the Easter Egg Hunt by searching for hidden dinosaurs and zoo animals around the garden.

Some of our Easter activities we are currently doing are decorating our Easter cards. We have created and decorated Easter eggs for our display board too, they look so good! Our Sensory play tray has shredded paper, feathers, eggs, pompoms, so many different shapes colours and textures, keeping everyone busy and imaginative.

Our play dough has egg moulds and we are learning to roll egg shapes too.

We will also be planting Sunflower seeds and will see which one grows the tallest!



As always we have plenty of transitions in and out of the Monkey Room:

Frankie, Ayla, Charlie, Wilf, Jacob, Joshua, Samuel, Bella, Rosie and Catherine have all moved on through to the Pre-school and are settling in very well and are there ready to welcome other children who are currently visiting ready to move through also, they are all loving the change.

We would also like to welcome the most recent members of the Monkey room gang who have transitioned from the Penguin room, Hello to Havana, Zara, Remy, Alfie and Teddy and a big welcome to Albie too :-)

As this is the age that many children begin potty training, we have many congratulations. So MASSIVE congratulations to Noah P Noah F Noah C and Marcie

And to those who are still mastering the art are Manny, Oliver, Amelia Q, Evie and Alice F, Keep on trying gang!

#### Expressive Arts and Design

The children have thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with new materials and resources, we have been playing with trays of custard, using jugs and cups for pouring Shaving foam, soil play, water, bubble bath, paint, sand and rice.

All encompass learning about texture, volume, developing physical and fine motor skills and imagination

We have all enjoyed these very messy activities exploring the different textures and sensations, how things pour etc, this is probably a good time to advise that your children do not wear their 'best' clothes to nursery because one thing they are all really good at is getting very messy, no matter what - all in the name of fun and learning.

Please do keep an eye on our changing display boards showing a range of the children's creations

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# Monkey Playroom

We thank you for your ongoing patience while we all learn the new iconnect and Parentzone systems, it all seems to be going well so far.

This means handovers will now consist of fun and exciting information about your child's day, food and nappies/potty progress will now be on Parentzone.

We will soon be introducing wallets for each individual child and we ask all parents to check to see if there are any letters or artwork to be taken home at the end of each session.

We have been attending really interesting courses and bringing all our new information back to share with everyone. Hayley attended a block play course, there is so much to be learnt from the different shapes, sizes, weights and what you can do, colours, numbers, and all so much fun

Ellie attended a physical 'I like to move it' course, so watch out for all those new dance moves that will extend grand motor skills, spatial awareness, Balance.

Jade attended a music/singing course, so we will be having a loud time exploring different sounds and instruments.

A big congratulations to Ellie who is working toward finishing her NVQ level 3 in childcare for recently passing her maths exam with 97.5% - Well Done to you

## Final reminders—please do read these

As always please please do label all items of clothing and footwear, it really does make everyone's lives easier, saves time and hopefully you get your own belongings to go home with

Please check iconnect parentzone parent zone for all up to date information regarding your children from information, diet, nappies and wipes requires and so much more

Check your child's wallet for items to be taken home at the end of each day

We are all very much looking forward to heading into Spring with you all

**Elaine, Ellie, Hayley and Jade**

(we hope you all approve of the lovely new safety flooring and solid radiator covers on both the penguin and Monkey playrooms :)





# Penguin Playroom



**Hello Everyone**

We have all been very busy getting messy and exploring textures this month. The children enjoyed their ice-gloves play where we froze rubber gloves filled with water and other small objects such as pasta, feathers, toothpicks and pompoms. We removed the glove to find an ice shaped hand that the children loved to touch and taste and so interesting to see what was inside. Some of the older children described the texture as cold and wet - so very clever and brilliant description.

We also explored the changes of shaving foam and paint wrapped in cling film, for the children to touch and watch the changing effects, we enjoy these experiences as much as the children do I'm sure.



Another activity we have also played with is white rice and small world people in our sand tray to pretend it was snow, following the snowy days that we had! The children have loved exploring the play dough and work their gross motor skills. Some of the children have enjoyed washing babies with wet flannels and role-playing with them - so lovely to witness.

Some of the children are in the process of transitioning through to the Monkey room and others are visiting us from the Duckling room, so it is always different and very welcoming here

We will miss Remy and soon we will be saying bye bye to Penny, Phoenix and Alex who will begin visiting 'over the gate' soon.

We would like to offer a big welcome to Zac, Macsen, Elsie, Eve and Sonny who are all now a part of the Penguin room.



We are continuing to use a lot of the makaton signing in play and at mealtimes and this is working very well indeed, please ask for some common signs if you would like to join in too.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Cherie as she has moved to Pastures new but we wish her well in her new career, we are very grateful to all the help we receive from our great Supply team and other helpers.

That's all for now



**Sonia and Ruby**

## Smart Motorway Advance Work Notice

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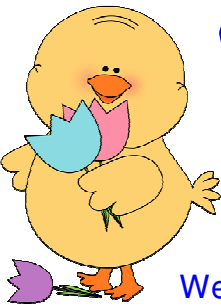
15th March 2018 onwards

We have been given notice of the Motorway work, a public Information Exhibition will be held late Spring this year, more information can be found at:

[www.roads.highways.gov/projects/m27-connections4-to-11-smart-motorway](http://www.roads.highways.gov/projects/m27-connections4-to-11-smart-motorway)

Also a telephone number for  
Deborah Makinde, Project manager  
Smart motorways Programme  
0300 123 5000

# Duckling Playroom



## Ducklings

We would like to start this newsletter by giving a huge congratulations to Toran who has just completed his Level 3 in Child Care, passing with flying colours. Well done Toran it is wonderful having you as part of our team.

A big huge welcome to all our new babies who have joined us this new year, and a sad good bye to our 'grown up' ducklings who have happily moved and settled into the penguin room - we love to bump into you all around the nursery, please do pop in and see us whenever you please, we love the visits.

Many of our babies have been trying - and succeeding - with their milestones including walking, crawling, standing, learning new words and understanding and showing us their skills with Baby sign. We are super impressed and happy with all your progress and we are very excited to keep seeing you all blossom over this spring term.



We hope everyone enjoyed their snow days and we would like to remind parents to keep bringing in warm clothes until the weather warms up a bit more, it is still very damp on the patio when we get to go out, which we hope will be happening very soon! So extra clothing and socks is all very good please,

The babies have all very much enjoyed our room change around. We now have a sensory corner which we fill with sensory toys including all our different treasure baskets.

We have also enjoyed lots of creative play over these last few months, such as our Mothers day cards, Valentine's day cards, Chinese lanterns and of course our beautiful display board which has been made completely by the children. We will be updating this board regularly so all our new children can add towards it so please do take a look at this.



We have received the moving dates for our older Ducklings who will be transitioning to the wonderful Penguin room over spring time. Please check in with us if your Duckling will be turning 16/17 months over spring and we will be able to let you know the moving and visit dates.

We are excited for the next coming months which will be filled with creative and sensory play and lots of time spent exploring the garden

We cannot wait to spend them with you all. Love all of us in the Duckling room.

**Natasha, Toni, Toran and Lauren**