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Monday 2nd May 2022

## Welcome!

Hope everyone has had a good Easter Holiday and has been enjoying the sunshine! We certainly have lots of fun activities planned for our Little Marvels children as we carry on into the summer term, so watch this space!

We also wanted to bring your attention to an important piece of news, as Gill Bennett our Nursery Services Manager has now transferred into another role in the Trust, as Lead SENCO of the Primary Phase. We are indebted to Gill for all her hard work, dedication and the firm foundations she has laid to support our day nurseries in the last few years. We certainly wish her every success in her new role. where she will be amazing!

Moving forward, we will continue to build upon our nurseries; and their provision for learning development and play. The nurseries will be overseen by myself, as the current Director of Little Marvels, and I look forward to working with all our staff to help us meet the needs of our children and families. Please make contact with me if you have any queries,

Debbie Smith, Director of Little Marvels Nursery Services

## Making Marks in the Sand



Treyvon, Leroi, Eliezer and Destiny were exploring different ways to make marks in the sand, Eliezer was scooping up the sand using his hands to fill the bucket to make a sand castle, He said, "Look, I can use my hands to fill the bucket. I'm going to make a castle". The children are able to communicate with each other and learn to develop and extend their vocabulary.

## Learning how Flowers Grow



Our pre-school children were all sitting together and learning about how flowers grow. They watched a video about what we need to help them grow. They were able to recall that to grow flowers, we need soil, water, sun and seeds. We will be planting our own flowers here at Little Marvels and looking forward to having lots of little helpers!

## Mega Blocks!



Rosie and Destiny were building together using mega blocks, they were taking turns to stack the blocks on top of each other to build a tower, Rosie was able to name the colours of the blocks. Playing with a variety of building and creative resources helps children build self-confidence and encourages their independent learning too.



## Phone Call to Mummy!



Yusra took some time out to make a very important phone call to her mummy! Children enjoy acting out everyday actions they have seen adults do, such as talking on the phone. Imaginative play is important for many reasons; it helps children make sense of things that they have seen or experienced. It supports the development of creativity and can improve language and communication skills.

## Counting Cubes




Rosie enjoyed playing and learning with the counting cubes. Rosie was able to count "1,2,3,4", she was also able to connect the blocks together using fine motor skills. Playing with blocks can develop children's vocabulary and can help them understand the concept of balance.

## Mark-Making



Sharleen enjoyed making marks using a chalk and was able to create some lines and circles. This is the first step towards writing and drawing.

			MAY TO JUNE 2022		
MAY					
Monday 2nd May	ALL DAY	Bank Holiday			
Thursday 5th May	ALL DAY	Bank Holiday			
JUNE					
Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June	ALL WEEK	Half term (Closed)			

### Labelling Personal Items

Can all parents / guardians and carers please ensure that all personal items are labelled with your child's name. We have lots of children in and out every day and do not want to mix their belongings up.

### Nursery Information

Can all parents / guardians and carers please ensure your child has a water bottle and appropriate clothing on warmer days, i.e. sun hat. Sun cream can be applied at the setting if provided.

### Child Illness

This is just a reminder for parents that if your child requires Calpol or any other over the counter medication for general illnesses, they are not allowed to attend nursery. Please ensure you communicate with the nursery if your child will not be attending.