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## Welcome!

DEAR FAMILIES,

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER TERM NURSERY NEWSLETTER! THE HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING AND WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE ENJOYING THE SUNSHINE AND THE WARMER WEATHER TOGETHER, WITHIN YOUR OWN HOME EXPERIENCES AND ACTIVITIES, DAYS OUT AND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THE MEMORIES WE MAKE WITH CHILDREN IN THEIR EARLIEST YEARS, CAN LAST A LIFETIME!

OUR NURSERY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE NURSERIES AND IT IS WONDERFUL TO SEE THEM ALL GROW, DEVELOP AND REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL! WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MAKE TO OUR NURSERY ENVIRONMENTS. WE WILL HOWEVER, SADLY BE SAYING FAREWELL TO MANY OF OUR PRE-SCHOOLERS THIS TERM, WHO ARE MOVING ON TO THEIR CHOSEN PRIMARY SCHOOLS. WE HOPE THAT THEY HAVE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH US SO FAR, AND THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO BUILD UPON ALL THE SKILLS THEY HAVE DEVELOPED SO FAR, INCLUDING CONFIDENCE, HAPPINESS, INDEPENDENCE AND READINESS FOR WIDER LEARNING AS MOVE ON IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL LEARNING JOURNEYS! THANK YOU FOR BEING A VERY VALUED MEMBER OF OUR LITTLE MARVELS FAMILY, AND WE WISH YOU ALL A SUCCESSFUL START AS YOU SETTLE IN AND BEGIN YOUR NEW SCHOOLS.

PLEASE HAVE A SAFE, ENJOYABLE AND RESTFUL BREAK AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING BACK ALL OUR EXISTING CHILDREN, AND TO SUPPORTING THEM FURTHER, AS THEY MOVE UP TO TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOL, AND ARE JOINED BY THE NEW CHILDREN JOINING US IN SEPTEMBER.

**DEBBIE SMITH-DIRECTOR OF LITTLE MARVELS NURSERY SERVICES**

## Mini Bug Hunt!



Jaden used the trowel to find a bumble bee in the bug hunt tray. Activities like finding hidden items help children to develop new vocabulary. Sharing their experience and findings with other children encourages them to share their opinion about what they have found and identify what bugs they can see. Jaden said 'I found a stripey bee!'

## Making Playdough



Harvey & Aaron are helping to make some playdough. Harvey carefully added the water into the flour taking care not to spill. Zander takes his turn by helping to stir the mixture together. Involving children in the process of making can give them a great sense of achievement and improve self-esteem and confidence as well as encourage independence. I will attach information for you to try at home with your child.



## Exploring the Paint



Our babies have had lots of fun exploring the paint and getting creative! Jihanna is able to learn how to get the paint from the bottle to the page. Given babies the freedom to use their whole self to experiment with the paint helps to develop fine/gross motor skills while getting creative. There are many benefits of painting for children including sensory development and learning colours.

## Check up at the Doctors!



Amira used her imagination and pretended to be a doctor. Diana also used her imaginative skills and pretended to be the patient. Role play is an important part of a child's development. It helps build confidence and develops social, emotional and physical skills.

## Water Play!




Daniel enjoyed splashing around in the water. Filling and emptying cups is a great way to support the development of hand eye coordination and control. It also helps to introduce the concept of quantities. For example, the children practiced filling the cup  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way.

### 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.

			JULY-AUGUST 2022	
<b>JULY</b>				
17th July-5th September 2022			Summer Holiday	
15th July	2pm-4pm		Graduation Day!	
<b>AUGUST</b>				
17th-July- 5th August 2022			Summer Holiday	