

St Gabriel's Nursery



March and April 2019



New staff

We would like to welcome Julie to the nursery team who will be working in the Sunflower room. We said goodbye to Leanne our kitchen assistant, who has been replaced with Joanne in April to work alongside Tracey in the kitchen. We would like to also welcome Antonia who has joined the Poppy room 1 team. During the month of April we also welcomed Kaitlin and Lisa to the Lily Team. We would also like to inform everyone that we have had some internal promotions. Congratulations to the following people. Emily who is now the team leader in poppy room 2 which is now renamed to the Daisy room. Pauline who is now the senior of the sunflower room. Kate M is now the senior in the lily room and also Lucy who is the senior in the poppy room. Well done to everyone. Please also join us in congratulating Jill who welcomed her baby boy Carter on Thursday the 18th of April 2019.

Nappies and wipes

Please can we request that you ensure your child's nappies and wipes are bought in on time. The staff request these when they have a few left and this is to ensure you have enough time to purchase them.



Collections for children that attend a mid day session at nursery.

If your child attends nursery on a mid day session, please can we remind you that the drop off time is at 8am and no earlier, and the collection time is at 3.30pm and no later.



Reminder about Graduation

To all our preschool parents, we would like to remind you all that your children's graduation ceremony is on the 10th of July 2019 from 2pm-4pm.



Spare clothes

Could we please request that all our parents make sure their children have spare clothes in their Nursery bags.



Extra sessions

As the nursery is getting busy we would like to inform all our parents that it is becoming very difficult to provide extra sessions, but we will try our best.

Rolling Breakfast in the Sunflower room



From the beginning of April we have introduced a rolling breakfast for the Sunflower children in the Sunflower room. This starts at 8.00am and finishes at 9.00am, the last sitting will be at 8.45am.

Staff Nominations

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all our parents that each rooms notice board includes a staff nomination, we like to hear the feedback you give to our staff and would request if you would like to nominate a specific person within your child's room to please feel free to write on the board.



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Buttercups—The children in Buttercups visited the Baltic in March. They made their way there by metro and had a lovely walk across the millennium bridge. Recently books and stories have been very popular with the babies and this tied in very well with World book day which the babies celebrated with great enthusiasm. We had many children dressed up from Dumbo, little red riding hood and a little fox. During the month of April the children have been involved in many Easter themed activities. From making Easter cards, going on egg hunts and also making chocolate nests.



Poppies—The children in the Poppy room have been very interested in water and sand play. When engaging in activities they have been learning to fill and empty as well as hiding things in the sand. In March they had their mothers day stay and play, where a lot of mummies, aunties, grandparents, and even daddies joined their children for a afternoon filled with mothers day related activities. To wind down the afternoon everyone had a lovely tea party where they had sandwiches, scones and cakes. Easter has been great fun and the children have been involved in many Easter related activities from making Easter cards to Easter egg pictures and going on Easter egg hunts.



Daisies - The Daisy children have been very interested in colors over the last two months. They have been experimenting with color by dying water using different color tissue paper. They also enjoyed the Holi Celebrations in the garden where they got the chance to play with colored paint. The Poppy room children also participated in many activities to do with the healthy body happy me campaign which this year focused on Oral hygiene. The children explored how teeth are brushed by applying tooth paste on brushes and practiced the brushing motion on laminated teeth pages. Poppy 2 Stay and play in March was a great success. Thank you to everyone that joined them on their themed going on a Bear Hunt stay and play.



Lilies- Many children in the Lily room ventured off on trips to Pets Corner and Eldon square soft play. The children loved making their journeys to these locations and most of all had fun when they saw the peacock, goats, rabbits and birds. The soft play was great fun as the children loved playing on the slides and trampolines. The Lily room hosted their Easter stay and play in April where they had an Easter egg hunt in the garden, and created many Easter crafts with their mummies and daddies.



Sunflower - During the Month of March and April the children have been on many visits to their local surroundings they have visited Jesmond Dene and even the big bug expedition in the Metro Centre. The Sunflower children have also had a visit by Newcastle school for boys where they engaged in activities related to the topic “color”. These two months have also been very exciting as many of the children are finding out what schools they will be going to in September. The Sunflower children have also started a new partnership with a forest school where they will plan a visit to see the things they will get up to. World book day was very popular and celebrated with great enthusiasm. The children dressed up in their favorite book characters and brought in their favorite books to read. They also celebrated St David’s day, St Patrick’s day and comic relief , by carrying out various activities.

Dates to Remember

May 2019

Nursery will be closed on Monday 6th and 27th of May due to bank holidays.

Egypt week- week of the 13th of May 2019

June 2019

Lily's stay and play 7th of June 2pm-4pm

Buttercups stay and play 11th of June 2pm-4pm

Sunflowers stay and play 13th of June 2pm-4pm



Mobile Phones

Please can we remind all our parents that nursery is a no mobile phone zone.

