

West Rise Nursery

NURSERY NEWS

Spring Term 2—2023



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PLAY GIVES
CHILDREN
A CHANCE
TO PRACTICE WHAT
THEY ARE
LEARNING.
-MR. ROGERS



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Welcome to the Spring Term issue of Nursery News for 2023. Well what a journey we have been on. I would like to thank all our wonderful families for trusting us with your little ones. Your children have been simply wonderful. They have adapted so well to all the changes, they have certainly kept us smiling

during these odd times. You should all be very proud.

Thank you for your continued help and support, we really value our partnership with you.

Happy Easter holiday from all the staff at West Rise Nursery!



KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

31 March 2023	Last day of term for Nursery and Infants
17 April 2023	Inset day
18 April 2023	Children return to Nursery and Infants
24 April 2023	Baby duckling eggs arrive in Nursery this week.
26 April 2023	Class Photos
01 May 2023	Bank holiday—Nursery and Infants closed
08 May 2023	Bank holiday—Nursery and Infants closed
26 May 2022	Last day of term for Nursery and Infants
05 June 2022	Return to Nursery and Infants

Wellbeing—Wise Owl Philosophy



In Nursery we lay the seeds for the Wise Old Owl Philosophy developing a growth mindset with characteristics such as optimism and gratitude. Based on the fixed and growth mindset work of Carol Dweck the characters of the wise old owl and hedgehog symbolise and embody the features of the two difference mindsets. We encourage the children to celebrate “juicy worms of a mistake”, recognise and reward effort, as well as displays of resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. This philosophy is a big part of daily life in the Nursery and underpins everything we do and we would also encourage parents and carers to use the Wise Old Owl Philosophy at home. We would like to ask you to celebrate your child’s achievements at home by completing a Wise Old Owl token and bringing it into Nursery. For more information about our Wise Old Owl Philosophy please feel free to ask Caroline or visit our website.

AREAS OF LEARNING

Mark Making

Mark making does not just refer to squiggles made on paper using pencils or crayons, children are still mark making if they use their hands, paintbrushes and sticks.



Mark making gives children the opportunity to express themselves and explore new materials other than paper and pens.

Mark making can be indoors or outdoors, for example dragging a stick through the mud. Children relish in the sensory and physical experience of mark making for example paint smearing on an easel, grains of sands running through their fingers, chalk scraping on the tarmac.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?



We have been busy bees this last few weeks, the children have made bird feeders using lard and bird seeds and we have hung them in the garden. The birds love them!

The children explored Chinese Lunar New Year through food tasting, watching the Chinese Dragon Dance on the white board, reading stories and trying on costumes and headdresses.



On Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) we made pancakes and tasted them. In the words of the children, they were yummy!



CINEMA TRIP—it was so lovely to see the pre-school group and their parents/carers at our trip to the cinema. I think you would agree it was great fun and the children were amazing. We had some wonderful feedback, a big thank you to Elodies' dad John and his team at Cineworld for making the trip possible. We hope to do it again!

Parent Consultations

It was so lovely to welcome so many of you to our recent parent consultations. We hope you enjoyed sharing your child's Learning Journey and speaking with your child's key person or with Caroline. If you were unable to make it please email Caroline to arrange an appointment. Thank you to everyone for your kind comments.

Parent Partnerships

Now that the children are settled, if you are anyone if your family have a little spare time and are interested in coming in to help in nursery, we would love to hear from you. Maybe you have a hidden talent or hobby you could share with us e.g. sewing, playing an instrument, gardening etc. Please pop and see Caroline for more information. Thank you!