

April 2022

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Welcome

We can't believe how quickly this year is flying by and its almost May!

Everyone at the setting has had a fun filled month with Easter and St George's Day celebrations. Along with seeing the chicks hatch at the end of March, the setting has enjoyed lots of craft and many, many Easter egg hunts in the garden. Little Dragons children and staff made some beautiful bonnets and took a walk to parade their creations.



The rooms all had their own activities for the celebrating St George's Day and the kitchen staff made them a party tea in the afternoon, please see page 2 of the newsletter for pictures.

<u>Staff</u>

We have welcomed our new Fundraiser, Jayne Russell, this month. She has been introducing herself to the staff in the rooms and is eager to hear their plans for fundraising. Our next Fundraising newsletter is due out at the end of May and we look forward to sharing lots of exciting plans coming up.

This month we have said our farewells to Carol in Otters as she relocates to be closer to family. The room gave her a great send off with a party and some lovely gifts.

Next month we say goodbye to Sherell, one of our Catering Managers. She has been with us for over 10 years and has decided to step down. We wish her all the best.

Megan in Badgers is also relocating and heading up north. Everyone will miss her smile and will continue with their sign language skills too.

Lucy in Moles has now left her role and we wish her well for the future.

COVID 19- protocols

- We ask that you continue to wear masks at drop off and pick up.
- If you have concerns or wish to share additional details, please can you call the office or email childcaremanager@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk

Parent's Evening- Wednesday 25th May

We are holding our annual Parent's evening on Wednesday 25th May. There are sign-up sheets in the all the rooms. You can book a time to speak to your child's keyworker.

Summer Fair

We are excited to announce we will be holding our Summer on Saturday 16th July! Please look out for more information in our next Quarterly Fundraising Newsletter in May.



Amazon Wish Lists

Thank you to everyone who has purchased items from the room's wish lists so far. We are very grateful to the families for their generosity.

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St George's Day



The setting had a wonderful time celebrating St George's day.

Thank you to everyone who dressed up, you all looked fantastic!







Holiday Club



We are running our May/June Half Term Holiday Club from Monday 30th May to Wednesday 1st June and there are still some places available.

Please contact Kate via email <u>kate.foulkes@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk</u> for a booking form

The children had a great time over the Easter Holiday Club. They made pizzas, had their faces painted, had an Easter Egg hunt, spent time in the allotment looking at the frog spawn and toasted marshmallows.









Diary Dates



St George's CLOSED for May Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Little Dragons last day of term	Friday 27 th May
Holiday Club	Monday 30 th
starts	May
Holiday Club	Wednesday
finishes	1 st June
St George's	Thursday 2 nd
CLOSED for	and Friday
Jubilee Bank	3 rd June
Holidays	

Please review us

<u>St George's Childcare, 7 Chilston</u> <u>Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent</u> <u>TN4 9LP (daynurseries.co.uk)</u>

Facebook



Visit St George's Facebook page to see the fun activities that the children and staff enjoy!

www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare

Squirrels





As the weather has been getting warmer, we have been spending a lot of time outside. The children have been able to practice their physical, social and gross motor skills. They have been driving the cars, playing in water, climbing and making friends with the older children. We have continued to practice these skills indoors too.

We have been learning how to throw and kick balls, taking it in turns during our games and building towers using different items. This month Hedgehogs have enjoyed celebrating Easter, the children had an Easter egg hunt in the garden, wearing their bunny ears and carrying their baskets!

The team had fun great time with their pyjama week and all monies raised will be spent on news toys and equipment.

The children had a trip to the park and played on the swings, it is so great to be able to spend more time outside in the warmer weather.

Hedgehogs have said goodbye to some friends this week and we hope they have lots of fun in Moles!







After School Club

The After School Club children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the garden. They had to find two paper eggs in order to receive an Easter Egg treat bag.



Each term the ASC children are allocated points for the different schools for helping, being considerate etc. Last term, the school with the most points was St James! So, all the children from St James School got a bag of small treats to say well done.

The end of year competition is all to play for now!

Moles





In April Moles have been getting in the Spring spirit! We have enjoyed making various crafts including bunnies, chicks and eggs. We have also spent time doing easter baking activities and baked some bunny biscuits, as well as having fun with an Easter egg hunt.

The children have also really enjoyed reading stories and getting messy in the craft room.

In May, we look forward to celebrating Eid.

Little Dragons

We were all very excited to be back at Little Dragons after a wonderful Easter break.

We would like to welcome several new children to Little Dragons, everyone is looking forward to getting to know them and having lots of fun together.

Our topic continues to be growth in nature, the children will be planting beans and having a competition for the tallest beanstalk!

The tadpoles have grown so much over the two weeks we were not here, it is great to be able to observe them closely as they develop.









Otters

In April, Otters celebrated Easter! We had a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt fundraiser in the garden with lots of families attending. Thank you to all who contributed, an amazing £244 was raised to go towards new resources!

The children also enjoyed lots of Easter crafts and baking, with chocolate crispy cakes being made for snack and fantastic pictures decorating our room!

Towards the end of April, we have been learning about dinosaurs. We've had various dinosaur themed activities, including tuft tray activities, fossil hunting and breaking dinosaur eggs in the garden to reveal hidden toy dinosaurs!

In May, we are looking forward to doing more planting and celebrating Sun Awareness Week in preparation for the sunny weather and summer season!





Badgers



This month we have had a lovely time, the nice weather is finally upon us so we went out to the allotment and spent an afternoon planting vegetables and flowers that will hopefully bloom and grow over the next few months. The children are very excited to eat some fresh grown vegetables.

The weather has even been warm enough to get the paddling pools out and even do some sunbathing! We sadly had to say goodbye to the chicks who we miss terribly but wish them all the best.

We also welcomed some lovely new resources, we got received a wigwam for the children to hide away in and a sensory light cube with shapes, letters and numbers. Easter was great, we had Easter egg hunts, decorated eggs with different pattern and everyone took home an Easter treat box. We had our faces painted as bunnies, chicks and eggs, and the real-life Easter bunny even visited us!

This month we find out about which schools the children will attend in September and so we will be discussing moving onwards and upwards with the children.