

March 2022

Please wear a mask at the setting



Welcome

We have been appreciating all the lovely sunshine lately and it has been great to see the children enjoying so much more time outside.

As the weather continues to be warm, please can you make sure your child has a hat in their bag and a bottle of sunscreen.

Living Eggs

Towards the end of the month, we have been excited to welcome a delivery from Living Eggs South East. 10 eggs arrived and they have almost all hatched.





Everyone loves to see them in the hallway and the children adore coming to visit during the day and we can hear their giggles from the office!

A parent has voiced an interest in adopting one of the chicks, it will be great to follow their develop through a family at St George's. If you would like to adopt a chick, please contact the office know by Thursday 30th March. Those chicks remaining will be rehomed through the Living Eggs scheme.

Fundraising

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Fundraising Manager, Jayne Russell, to St George's next month.





We will have plenty of fun and exciting events coming up including Easter Raffle in Otters on 13th April and Hedgehogs Pyjama Day on 14th April.

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

30 hours funding

Please don't forget to renew your 30 hours code. If you don't then we can't apply for the funding for your child. Many thanks

Attending other settings

If you child/ children attend another setting, please can you let us know. It is helpful to be able to discuss their development, as well as check funding allocations.

Closed for Easter

St George's will be closed from Friday 15th April for the long Easter weekend and reopen on Tuesday 19th April.



International Women's Day

This month we celebrated International Women's Day and the wonderful women who work at St George's.















Holiday Club



We are running our Easter Holiday Club from Monday 4th April to Thursday 14th April and there are still some places available.

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

Diary Dates



Little Dragons last day of term	Friday 1 st April
Easter Holiday Club	Monday 4 th April to Thursday 14 th April
St George's CLOSED for Easter weekend	Friday 15 th to Monday 18 th April
St George's reopens	Tuesday 19 th April
Little Dragons start of term	Tuesday 19 th April
St George's Day celebrations	Friday 22nd

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staff enjoy!

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Squirrels



This month Squirrels have been exploring construction. The children have enjoyed using different blocks to create simple structures. This has helped the children think about how the blocks go together and has encouraged them to problem solve. We have also made different messy play, which the children have really enjoyed. We have used porridge oats, cornflour and lentils. The children loved using the different trucks and diggers to transport the messy play, this has encouraged them to use their fine motor skills and has also helped develop their hand eye coordination.

Hedgehogs

This month Hedgehogs have been preparing for Spring, they have been making chicks using feathers, tissue paper to make sunflowers and lambs using cotton wool. The children have enjoyed farm play in their messy tray and singing spring themed songs.

They have loved making their Mother's Day cards! We hope all the Mummies had a lovely Mother's Day.

The Hedgehogs team have said goodbye to some friends this month and we hope they have lots of fun as they move up to the Moles room.





After School Club

After School Club children have had fun this month with a week dedicated to 'Harry Potter'.

They dressed up, experimented with some 'potions', took a ride on a broomstick to play quidditch and made some cakes.





The team decorated the ASC rooms with floating candles and created great back drop for all the children to pose like they were flying on a broomstick.

One of the parents brought in chocolate frogs and Bertie Botts every flavour beans.

Moles





Moles have spent this month looking at spring crafts and activities as well as celebrating World Book Day, science week and Holi festival of colours.

The children are also really enjoying some of the new equipment, including puzzles and counting toys. We're looking forward to starting Easter activities soon.

Little Dragons

Little Dragons have had a fun filled month enjoying their new role play garden centre selling flowers, vegetables, fruit and seeds. The children have grown their own cress and shared their knowledge of plants and how they grow.

We have eaten some delicious snacks including pancakes with fresh berries on Shrove Tuesday.

On World Book Day the children and grownups dressed up and made their own storybook based on some group favourites.

This week has been full of experimentation and prediction! Every day the children have explored and taken part in a different experiment, colour, floating and sinking, gravity, vacuums and giant bubbles. The children had a great time on Friday 25th March when their Mummies came in for a coffee morning for Mother's Day.

We are continuing to learn about Spring and growth in nature, we will be planting vegetables in our allotment plot and some seeds in the little pots to bring home and will watch the tadpoles in their lifecycle.







Otters

In March, Otters have been celebrating the patron saint days of Wales and Ireland by making a daffodil window display for St David's Day and three leaf clover crafts for St Patricks Day.

We thoroughly enjoyed World Book Week and had a number of craft and sensory tray activities based on the children's favourite stories. We loved to see all of the creative outfits the children came in wearing!

More recently we have been doing Mothers Day crafts and the children are very excited to give their creations to their mummies!

We have started to decorate the room with Spring creations, which we will be continuing in April along with celebrating Easter and St George's Day on the Friday before (22nd).

We are looking forward to our Easter Fundraising event on 13th April. Raffle tickets are now on sale and donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated.



Badgers







This month we celebrated Pancake Day by making our own pancakes.

All with the rest of the nursery, Badger celebrated World Book Day over a whole week so everyone got a chance to bring in some of their favourite books and dress up as their favourite characters.

We made Mother's Day cards for Mothering Sunday.

The children have been very keen to make signs telling each other not to run, to turn the tap off and to be kind with our friends.