

# MONTY'S NEWSLETTER



Spring Term – March 2021

## Monty's Updates

- We are pleased to advise that Private Nurseries are now being included in the Lateral Flow Testing programme and the staff are self testing twice a week.
- Regular rapid testing is also now available for parents, their households and support bubbles with children in Nursery or School. These can be applied for via [www.gov.uk/coronavirus:school-household-testing](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus:school-household-testing) Nursery and Primary school children are NOT being asked to be tested as evidence continues to show that children and young people are at low risk from Covid-19 and are unlikely to get seriously ill.
- Many of you may remember Poppy, we are happy to announce that she will be returning to Monty's as the new Discoverers Room Leader. She will have a handover period with Naomi before Naomi returns to her Deputy Manager role.
- We are also happy to announce that Jaime will be joining the Discoverers team. Jaime is a Level 3 practitioner and she will bring a vast array of experience to the role.

## Children's Corner

### Inventors

The Inventors loved putting on their palaeontologist hats! They inspected fossils, dug in the sand tray for dinosaur bones and made some dough to create their own! We used computers and iPads to find facts about dinosaurs, and then compiled all our findings to create posters. From non-fiction books, we learnt about dinosaur extinction and discussed animals that are at risk of extinction now. After the sunshine of last week, and the showers this week, the children have shown an interest in Spring! Over the next few weeks, they will be looking for signs of spring; daffodils, lighter evenings and little lambs.

### Discoverers

In the past couple of weeks we have been making the most of the weather and been spending lots of time in the outside environment. The children have thoroughly enjoyed going over to the woods. It has been a fantastic opportunity to develop their listening and attention skills as they have been able to listen out for different natural sounds. Our adventures over in the woodland have been a fantastic opportunity for the development of children's natural curiosity as well as imagination.

We have also been enjoying learning lots of nursery rhymes and their actions. Our favourites are: wind the bobbin up, I had a tiny turtle, row row and jumping bean!

In the coming weeks alongside following the children's interest we will start to learn about springtime through lots of fun activities! We look forward to sharing these with you.



## Home Learning

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has participated in the home learning. This has proved to be hugely beneficial. The children have very much enjoyed sharing their photos and videos with friends and practitioners, this has encouraged even the most timid of children to speak out and feel a sense of pride, encouraging communication and language skills. It has also been beneficial to see children at play at home as we all know children react differently depending on their setting.

I have also set up focus groups so that the children can benefit from small group work away from their room, this has been great fun for both myself and the children, experimental cooking being a firm favourite at the moment. We plan to continue with these, should you have any good ideas for a fun activity please let me know.

Thank you again for your participation.  
Diana

## Policy of the Month

Our policy of the month is: **Safeguarding Policy**. please ensure these procedures are being adhered to for the health, safety and well-being of all children attending.

All nursery policies are available to view on our website.

## Nursery Accounts

If you have any queries or questions about your invoices, please contact Rachel on 01732 86429 or [accounts@montysdaycare.co.uk](mailto:accounts@montysdaycare.co.uk)