



Monthly Newsletter – May 2024

Please read the following newsletter to keep up to date with upcoming events, Pre-School news and information about what the children have been up to!

Key dates for your diary

Friday 14th June 2-3pm – Father's Day Stay and Play (more details below)

Wednesday 26th June – Teddy Bear's Picnic

Tuesday 9th July 9:30 – 10:30 – Pre-School Sports Day

Thursday 11th July – Nell Bank Trip

Last month we had fun... Playing in our new sandpit. The children have all enjoyed playing in our new sandpit. There has been lots of digging, pouring, and sifting sand, all skills that require dexterity and hand-eye coordination. The children have played cooperatively and sharing lots of discussion about the different things they have been making. It's also been a great opportunity to practise their turn taking skills waiting for the favourite spade!



We've been talking about healthy foods and learning about how fruit and vegetables grow. We made smoothies with some fruits and vegetables for snack time, practising our chopping skills.



We loved celebrating National Smile Month. The children loved brushing their teeth, writing to the Tooth fairy and then posting the letter, looking at how we keep our teeth healthy and learning how sugary food might harm our teeth. We did teeth scavenger hunts and read lots and lots of stories about looking after teeth.

In June we will be...

Asking – What journeys have we been on? Where might we go on holiday? Where might we go after Pre-School?

Reading – The colour Monster goes to School, Tyrannosaurus Drip, Rosie's Walk

Singing – 5 little men in a flying saucer, Look! There's a Dinosaur!

Exploring – Our feelings. We will be exploring our feelings and talking about what makes us feel happy, sad, angry or worried.

How can you help – Take time to talk to your child about journeys you are going on and the different transport you might use. Point out different buildings and different points of interest when you travel. Ask you

Other News

Stay and play

We will be holding a special Father's Day Stay and Play on Friday 14th June 2-3pm. We would like to invite all the dads or granddads into Pre-School.

Teddy bears picnic

If your child/children are in Pre-School on Wednesday 26th June we will be having a teddy bears picnic. Please can your child bring a favourite teddy into Pre-School on that day.

Sports day

We are hoping to host a small, informal sports day on Tuesday 9th July. This will include all Pre-School children. I will send out further details soon.

Suncream

Please remember that with warmer weather it is important that children have suncream and sunhats in Pre-School.

Bambisanani Partnership

We are forging links with St Mary's sixth form in Menston who are part of the Bambisanani Partnership. Some of their students are currently in South Africa visiting a mixture of high schools, primary schools, pre-schools and a SEN centre. Thank you to everyone who made kind donations – they have been greatly received. Some of the students, on their return, are going to come into Pre-School and speak to the children about their trip. They plan to set up lots of African activities for the children including dancing along to African music and making colourful Zulu Masks. We are very excited to learn more!

Committee News

It's Ben Rhydding Primary School Summer Fair on Friday 21st June from 4pm, on the field in front of Pre-School. We have a hook a duck and face glitter stall. If you can help at any point on the night to run the stall please let Von (Big Felix's mum) know on 07977450432.

We are also hoping to have teddies as the prize for the hook a duck - so if you have any good quality teddies that are looking for a new home, we would be very grateful. Please bring them into Pre-School by Wednesday 19th June. Thank you!

Date for your diary - some of our little ones will be leaving our lovely Pre-School in July to start their new adventure at "big school". We are hoping to have a little gathering (potentially a picnic on the field in front of Pre-School - or if you have any other bright ideas please let me know!) after Pre-School has finished for summer on Wednesday 17th July. Everyone will be welcome (including older siblings once school has finished for the day!).



National Smile Month Celebrations