



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been learning about our senses. The children have enjoyed squeezing the juice from the lovely fresh lemons and limes, making gingerbread playdough men and tearing and crushing mint, which left the most amazing scent around the nursery. One of the children said "it smells like toothpaste".

We have explored different textures and used words such as soft, scratchy, fluffy and rough to describe what we were feeling.

We have used circle time to really focus on our listening skills through activities such as using musical instruments, the noisy neighbour game and guessing the everyday sounds we heard on the CD player.

On Wednesday we took part in some heart pumping exercises to join in with National Fitness Day. The children noticed their hearts beating faster after we had been exercising. Luca told us "I can feel my belly button going fast inside me"!

Things to remember:

- No toys brought into preschool
- Shoes children can independently remove and put back on
- Name everything!
- Cut grapes long way
- Clothes children can easily remove when toileting

Medical Students

Your children may have mentioned they played with 2 men called Jack and Tom this week. Well, every Thursday, medical students from St. Georges University will be joining us for the morning as part of their medical training. Each week will be different students. Before COVID, we had them in every week and the children absolutely love them.

Tax Free Childcare

Check out the Gov website to see whether you are eligible <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. Make sure you sign up if you can. To pay us through your account you'll need our Ofsted Number: **2543482**



European Languages Day

Monday 26th September

We would love any parents/friends to come into preschool on Monday or through the week to share a song or a story in another language. Please email me and we can organise a day and time.

Our Monthly Value is:

Friendship

Friendship involves

- caring for each other,
- sharing ideas,
- respecting each other,
- having fun

Dates to Remember

Fri 21st Oct

New 2-Year-Olds will receive a 2-year check report.

New 3-year-olds will receive a Summary report

Half Term - Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Mon 31st Oct

Return to nursery

Wk Beg 28th Nov

Parent Consultations

Thurs 8th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 9th Dec

Christmas Concert at 11am (all children welcome

even if not their day)

Fri 16th Dec

Christmas Party for all children – **Finish a 12:30pm**

for all.

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