

Updates & the Term Ahead

NEWS SPRING/SUMMER 2017

Welcome to our Spring/ Summer Newsletter

We have had a busy few months and the children are getting ready for the spring/summer season ahead!



Little Owls and their Sensory Experiences!

It is very important for babies to be given opportunities for sensory exploration and is a fantastic way to help them explore their worlds, stimulate their senses and create little inquisitive explorers. In **Little Owls**, the children have been participating in lots of exciting sensory activities and have really enjoyed touching, smelling, tasting and hearing various media and resources.

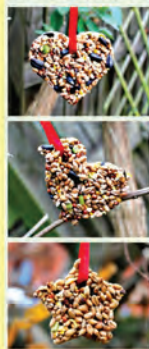
They have also been playing together, which increases opportunities for sharing and communicating, resulting in special bonding time!

Remember, their attention spans are not long at this stage!

A few minutes of Playdays featured ideas (or your own!) per day is plenty. Revisit these ideas often, as repetition leads to familiarity which builds on learning skills later.

Spring/Summer Crafts to Try at Home

Bird Feeders



Flower Play Dough for Spring



Frozen Flowers Sensory Ice Play



Little Hedgehogs get Messy!

Despite appearances, messy play can make an enormous contribution to babies' and young children's cognitive and creative development.

What do we think about when we hear the word 'messy'? Untidy, muddled, disorganised, cluttered, or perhaps the instruction, 'don't make a mess'. The word messy is often given negative meanings and calling an important aspect of play 'messy' can lead to it being undervalued, however... we love messy play!

Little Hedgehogs have really enjoyed exploring a range of different messy activities and using their interest of life cycles, to create pictures and creations, based around life cycles and spring animals.

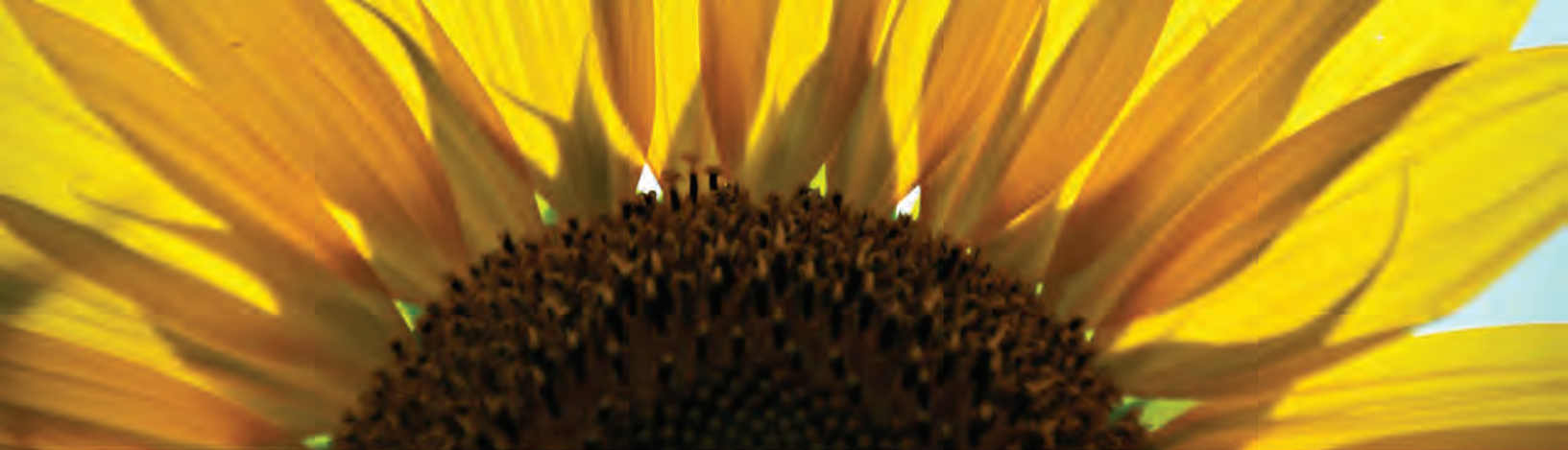


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Off to School for Badgers!

We are very excited for all our **Badgers** that are off to school in September. The next few months will be some of the most important moments in your child's life, preparing their move to 'big school'. The chart at the bottom explains the road a child takes to become 'school ready'.

Our main focus is your child's independence and social and emotional development, e.g. this includes being able to use the toilet independently, wash their hands without support, play co-operatively with others and being able to resolve conflict appropriately.

Key Reminders

Can we remind all parents to bring in sun cream and a hat. Unfortunately on warmer days your child's time in the garden will be limited or restricted if they do not have these. As you know we follow strict child/ carer ratios, please remember when dropping off or collecting your child the sessions begin/end times must be adhered to. This ensures all rooms are in ratio at all times and the staff shifts fit accordingly. Therefore can I please ask that you do not arrive with your child before their session begins (this includes dropping off at 7.30am) and ensure they are collected by the time their session ends, this way we can ensure the safety of all the children in our care. Thank you.

 **Playdays Nursery**
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Upcoming Events

Monday 29th May - Bank holiday.
Nursery closed to all sessions

Friday 16th June - 8.30am-2pm
Nursery photographer. If your child does not usually attend this day please book a slot in the office (siblings welcome)

Friday 16th June - 3pm-4.30pm
Father's day BBQ. Please obtain a ticket to attend.

Thursday 22nd June 6.40pm-7.30pm
School transition meeting. Please book a time slot with your child's keyperson to attend.

Friday 23rd June
Armed Forces Day (Dressing up day)

Thursday 19th July - Sunday 3rd September. Summer half term for all 15 hours (funded only term time children).

Friday 28th July

Leavers picnic/ sports day for all children in Badgers

Wednesday 26th July

Summer half term (for all non-funded term time only children).

Friday 28th July

School leavers picnic and sports day. If your child does not usually attend this day, or has broken up for the summer, please obtain a ticket to attend.

Saturday 5th August - 11am-3pm

Playdays annual open day/pre school graduation and the grand unveiling of our brand new baby center!

We thank you all for your continued support and look forward to another successful term ahead.

Kind Regards,

The Playdays Team

The Road To School

This tracker helps you and your child prepare for school.

Everyone starts school with different abilities - your teacher will help you progress at your own level.

Listening & understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
- I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Writing skills

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy making marks
- I am practising holding a pencil

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash & dry my hands without any help

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine as I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the table & walk on school days

What are you taking forward to the next? Is there anything you're unsure of?

Counting skills

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
- I can recognise basic numbers when they are written down

Interact in the world & new activities

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
- I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
- I like asking questions

Understanding & sharing

- I like to read stories & look at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
- I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

Friendship & sharing

- I can share toys & take turns
- I like playing games with others
- I like interacting with other children

Eating

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
- I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

Self-care

- I know when to wash my hands
- I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well


Getting ready for school

- I can button & unbutton my shirt & use a zip
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can change into my PE kit & put my coat on

School bus

School

Remember - learning is not a competition, children learn at different rates. For more ideas to help prepare your child for school, talk to your childcare practitioner.

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