

# Early Years Newsletter



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King Henry VIII Preparatory School

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## NURSERY NEWS

### The Gingerbread Man

We have been continuing this wonderful story and making some large gingerbread men at Nursery this week. The children have used paint and glue to make their fantastic interpretation of what they want their gingerbread man to look like. He may also make an appearance during our Summer Show!



### Summer Show

Parents should have all received letters regarding our forthcoming Summer Show 'From Baking Tray to Summer Bay'. Please return reply slips for ticket requirements back to us at Nursery by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, to allow us to look at numbers and requirements. Tickets will then be allocated after half term. Unfortunately we can only allocate 2 tickets per child, due to health and safety reasons. Thank you.



The children have been amazing at learning the songs for our Show and are thoroughly enjoying practicing for this. We are very proud of them all!

The children have also been making their own personal invitations to 'mummy and daddy' to ask them to come along and we have had some fantastic independent name writing!

### Tadpoles

The Nursery tadpoles are growing and doing well, one of them even looks like it has legs forming, fantastic!! Hopefully the others will follow suit. Thank you to one of our children who sent in these fantastic models of the different stages of a frog. We enjoyed sharing these with the children and comparing the figures to the stage our tadpoles are now at.



## Umberslade Farm

The children have been getting excited about our trip to the farm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We have been talking about the animals we may see at the farm and singing their favourite song of 'Old McDonald had a Farm'. Let's hope the weather is kind to us and the sun shines on the day!!

We plan to leave school at 9:30am and we shall return by 3:00pm. Please ensure your child is at Nursery by 9:00 am on this day and send morning snack and water as usual, as we plan to have this before we leave. A packed lunch for all children will be provided by the school. All children should wear their full school uniform and coat as normal. Thank you to our parent helpers who will be assisting us on the trip.

## RECEPTION NEWS

### Coombe Country Park

Tuesday is almost upon us and the children can't wait to find out what activities they shall be doing at Coombe Country Park! Please remember to dress your child in their school tracksuit and trainers; their current Games one or their old navy one, if they were in our Nursery. Please also send them in with a named school raincoat if the weather is anything like it has been this week! We ask that you pack a small, healthy snack and named water bottle, in a disposable bag. School shall provide a packed lunch for all children.

Thank you again to all parents who volunteered to join us. You should have received a letter from us about Tuesday morning. If you have not, please see your child's teacher on Friday or Monday afternoon. Thank you.

### Beans and Butterflies

Beans and Butterflies has been a fascinating topic. It has allowed us to carry out many investigations, observe creatures in their life cycles such as tadpoles and caterpillars, and has also encouraged us to be creative; at home and at school! Our classrooms are full of incredible creations! Here are some of our pieces of art from home.



## Friendships

One thing for sure is that we have all made ever lasting friendships this year. The fantastic thing about our Reception unit is that children across all four classrooms, mix across the setting. Morning and afternoon, inside and outside; there's so much to see and do! It warms our hearts to see children so happy enjoying themselves.

*"One of the luckiest things that can happen to you in life is, I think, to have a happy childhood."*

Agatha Christie



## Capacity

Mrs Brand's fish, Finley, wrote to the Reception children this week. He wishes to travel to Portugal with Zachary & Savannah but just did not know how to get there safe. His tank at home is far too big and heavy to go on the aeroplane! Finley asked us to find him a container with a large capacity, that wasn't too big or heavy. We collected pots, jugs, cups and bowls and set to work measuring the objects. We had some very tall measuring cylinders, but we quickly found out that they were too thin to hold much water! Team work was crucial and we did ever so well to find the jug with the largest capacity. Finley loved it!! Well done, Reception.

