



Newsletter

Ferring Funtime Community Preschool Newsletter for Parents & Children

16th March 2018

Welcome to our (almost) Spring Newsletter, we hope that everyone is feeling happy and settled at Ferring Funtime. If you have any concerns or anything that you would like to share with us, then please take the opportunity to come along to our **Journal Evening on Monday 26th March**. This will be a time to share your child's Learning Journal and for there to be a two-way flow of information. The staff are already taking appointments and if you prefer you can also make an appointment during session time, just speak to your child's Keyperson to arrange.

SPORTS RELIEF WEEK

This will be held next week from **19.03.18**. We are planning some fun activities for the children which will include; Disco, Obstacle Course, skip-a-thons and much more. This supports the goals that we always have at preschool, to improve health and wellbeing of the children, and we hope to make it an active and fun week.

WANTED

We urgently need paper card and any recycling materials. If you have any, please donate them to us.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

There are occasions when we ask our Parents for feedback on our service. If your child is new to preschool we will ask you to complete a short questionnaire. This then gives us an opportunity to reflect on your comments and perhaps improve, if necessary. These will be handed to you by your child's keyperson, so please take a few minutes to complete, as your views are important to us.

TOYS FROM HOME

This continues to be a problem for us. They become lost or broken or another child wants to play with the toy and most recently, children have been coming in with lip balm and very small toys that pose a choking threat to our younger children. So, we must ask you to support us with this and encourage your child to leave the toy at home. We have always been happy for younger children to bring comforters to pre-school.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Well, over the last two weeks the snow gave us the opportunity to wrap up and have fun outdoors. Snow gave the children chance to investigate snow and ice through their senses of touch hearing and sight. Children had fun and were able to observe the changes that take place during the process of snow melting.

FRIENDSHIPS

Friendships are important at preschool. Whilst some children are happy to play alongside each other, as they become older they become more sociable and less self-centred. They may begin to have particular friends, although these friendships can change regularly. One of the ways that preschool encourage friendships is through co-operative play and one of the benefits of being part of a group activity is that children learn to be part of a team. They learn how to problem solve and work towards a common goal. Another aspect of group activity for children is the development of social skills. Children learn more about speech, of how to use it to get what they want. They learn to mix and share with other children. They learn that, at times, they will have to back down and they won't always get what they want. Children learn how to assert themselves and make sure that they get a turn.



HEIGHT CHART

This activity is ongoing, and the children have enjoyed measuring their dolls, themselves and the staff. The measuring activity has given us the opportunity to talk about the concept of measurement and use measurement related language to describe who is taller, shorter, etc.



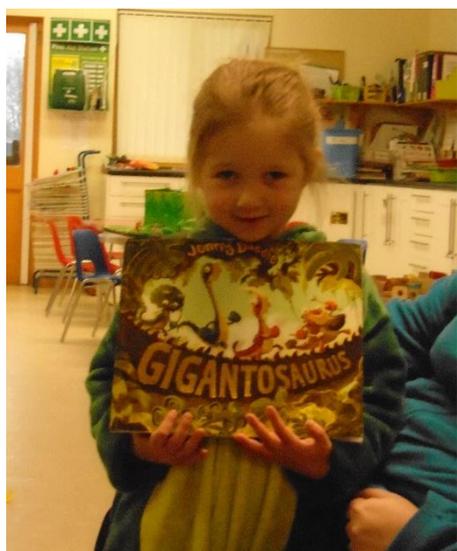
ROAD SAFETY

This activity supports children across the 7 areas of learning in the EYFS. Children were made aware of the rules when crossing the road. It is a subject that even our very youngest children know something about and we will be reinforcing positive messages over the next few weeks with the help of the schools “lollypop lady”.



PETS CORNER

Children have been sharing news about their pets and we have decided to build a collage of their pets so please share your pet photos with us.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Was celebrated with a sharing of children’s personal books and pre school books. It is always a celebration of books authors and illustrators and a celebration of reading. We know that reading to children at pre school and at home with their parents is important and improves the process of cognitive development. It can help with language acquisition and literacy skills and we know also that reading to children creates a bond and a sense of wellbeing for children.



Have a good weekend.

Sandy and the team.