



Bright Stars News

Dear Parents,



Spring is finally here, the sun is teasing us, so we are praying for some more sunny days as everyone loves being able to go in the garden without getting wet. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children who will be starting in Starlings & Starfish. The Staff and I are looking forward to seeing you grow and develop & hope you will be very happy at our nursery!

[So what have your children been up to in April?](#)

Starfish and Brightstars

This month we celebrated the arrival of spring, the sun was shining and we was able to get outside a lot more. We took groups of children on spring walks to find natural resources, the children loved seeing the ducks, blossom on the trees and finding many different varieties of flowers. The children took these back to nursery to show their friends and to explore further in exciting tuff trays.

Also this month the children have done a lot of growing in the nursery garden, growing daffodils, herbs, Radashes and strawberries. The children really enjoyed this helping Jo dig the soil and of course getting messy in the mud. They helped to plant the flowers and seeds into the ground. The children are waiting in anticipation for any changes in growth. The children are always offering to help water the flowers to help the flowers grow (or to have the excuse to play with more water!!). This has lead to the children learning about life cycles and what a flower needs to grow.

The children were so interested in the flower life cycle that they are now learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar by looking at the hungry caterpillar story. We have some real life caterpillars in the room so the children can watch how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly. The children have also enjoyed doing many craft activities around this subject.

Of course we celebrated England and Great Britain this month with the Queens birthday, the new arrival of the new prince and St Georges day. The children enjoyed learning about castles playing with our small world castle and dressing up as knights and princesses pretending to live in that era. The children also enjoyed looking at our capital city, learning about the different landmarks such as Buckingham Palace (the Queens house), the Houses of Parliament and the London eye. The children loved learning about the country where they live.

We learnt all about the royal family, learning who everyone is by looking at pictures. We had a fun game of predicting what the new Prince's name would be and made a tally chart with the most popular names, the most votes were for Micheal.

We made cards for the Queen and the new Prince and even took a walk to the post box so we could send them to Buckingham palace

We had an excellent street party to celebrate the birthdays and wore crowns that we made for the occasion. (P)

Bubbles

Lastly we would like to welcome the newest member of the team, our new nursery pet bubbles. Thank you so much for everyone who took part in naming our new pet.

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Please remember your sunhat and suncream

Starlings

Our baby room have also enjoyed the good weather making the most of the sunshine by exploring water and sand play. The children loved playing in the paddling pool especially splashing the members of staff and using the water to fill and empty containers. The staff have also been using water in a range of different activities such as water balloon painting and painting the fences in the garden.

We have also been celebrating the start of spring by exploring flowers, we have made some colourful flowers using lollypop sticks and different coloured squares, and playing with the frozen flowers feeling the different textures and talking about the different colours and shapes.

We have also been experimenting with a lot of different sensory play over the last month, by playing with coloured spaghetti, shaving foam and rice. These activities enable the children to explore different sensory textures and to make different marks. We have added different objects such as pots and pans, animals and even small world toys such as trains and cars to further the childrens experiences.

The babies loved celebrating Greek Easter by decorating eggs and baskets. They did this by using a variety of media such as; paint, tissue paper and pens.

Most of all the children loved learning Greek dancing with Melina. They enjoyed learning a variety of new cultural moves along to Greek music.

What's coming up next month



3rd May

May planning

Sport and games

Water sports

Ball games

Olympics

Board games



15th may-14th June

Happy
Birthday!

A big happy Birthday to our bright star and starling members

Other news



Graduation and Summer fete

Its that time of year where we have to say goodbye and good luck to all of our children heading off to school in September, And what a better way to do this by having a Graduation and summer fete. This will be held on **Saturday 21st July.**

Ticket Prices to follow

Hope to see you all there

Lateness

Please may I remind you a fee will be charged if your child is not collected at the agreed finishing time. This fee will be £10 for every 15 minutes or part thereof. All children are now signed in electronically and any children in the building after their agreed finishing time of either 13:00 or 18:00, you will automatically be charged a late fee. **THE LATE COLLECTION SHOULD BE USED FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY UNLESS BOOKED ON.**

Car park

We have noticed the car park has become extremely busy over the last few weeks. Can you please be considerate of others when dropping off and collecting your children by not parking in the middle of the car park. We understand everyone is in a rush to get to work so please feel free to block in members of staff who usually park around the edges.

Invoices and Payment

Your monthly invoice will be enclosed with this newsletter. Where possible we prefer payment to be made directly by bank transfer.

Our bank details are as follows and **please always use your child's name as reference :-**

Sort Code: 40-20-23 **Account no:** 61627759 **Account name:** Bright Stars Nursery Ltd

We would encourage parents to utilise online and telephone banking to process payments at their convenience or to call head office on 01992 676631 in order to make a debit card payment over the phone from 9am – 5.30pm. If there are any issues or concerns as a result of this change please contact Linda at Head office.

[Confirmation of Fees letter to Tax Office and other Government Departments.](#)

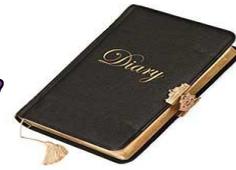
Please be advised that all correspondence to the tax office or other Government departments is sent directly to them following requests from parents. To avoid any confusion we always include reference numbers on such correspondence. Please ensure, therefore, that you provide copies of any letters from the Tax Office which require a response from us to be attached to your requests to us. All such requests should be sent to Linda@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk

RECOMMEND US!!



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Dates for the diary



Monday 7th may- bank holiday

Monday 28th May- bank holiday

3-20th August-Nursery summer break

27th August- Bank holiday

21st December-2nd january- Christmas break

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