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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

It has been lovely to have the sun shining, (most of the week), the birds and children have been singing and the whole site is coming to life with blossom, flowers and buds on the trees. It is such a lovely time of year, especially with the lighter mornings and longer evenings. We are all looking forward to exploring the school grounds and looking for signs of spring.

In assembly this week, we have continued our learning about being thankful and having good manners. From walking in school, to holding a door open or eating politely, to saying please, thank you and kind words. From helping others and lining up quietly, or listening carefully and waiting our turn. Good manners are free and help to make everyone feel happy. Ask your child what else they remember about good manners and what we should be thankful for?

We are all looking forward to welcoming you into Pre-Prep over the coming weeks to celebrate Mother's Day and Easter. It is important that you complete the reply slip by Friday, to allow us to cater appropriately.

Best wishes, Mr Jory

PRE-PREP SCHOOL RED NOSE DAY



KEY DATES

Friday 25th March 2pm -Mother's Day Assembly

Friday 1st 1:30pm -Easter Service Easter Egg

RECEPTION MADDIE - PRIME MINISTER FOR THE DAY

First it was **Maddie's** turn to be Prime Minister: we started off with a wet litter picking walk, but on route, also found a unicorn trail to follow. This led us to Star, the resident unicorn at our very own Prep stables. She had made us all unicorn horns to wear for the remainder of the day. On our return to our classroom, we cooked and ate pasta for a snack whilst watching a Christmas movie and then we played a Christmas game. In the afternoon, to finish off our day, we went swimming. To top it all off, everyone was very kind to one another all day long. We think we managed to master all of Maddie's rules for the day. What an exciting day we had!



SAGE - PRIME MINISTER FOR THE DAY

Next up it was **Sage's** turn to be the Prime Minister. We went on a daisy hunt, had a business meeting with the queen about how to protect our country and we planted seeds to look after our country. The meeting primarily ended up in a discussion about how we can move the Ukrainian family to England to save them! We think the country would be in very capable hands if Sage or Maddie were in charge!



PRE-SCHOOL SPECTACULAR BREAKFAST

Along with the Reception class, Pre-School were treated to the most spectacular breakfast on Tuesday morning. The breakfast introduced foods that were healthy choices for the Frogs and Tadpoles to eat and enjoy. They could choose from a wide range of fresh fruit, cereals, porridge, yoghurts, boiled eggs and brown toast. The children even had a masterclass in smoothie making from Chris. Initially the children were tentative with their choices. However, by the end of the morning they had tried practically everything on offer, with boiled eggs on toast being a firm favourite! Afterwards, we talked about how the right food can help keep our bodies fit and healthy. A BIG thank you to Gail and Chris for arranging such an amazing breakfast spread!



FROGS MUSIC TIME

Music time with Mr Hall is always great fun. Over the past few weeks, the Frogs have been learning how to make up rhythms using their hands and feet. This week, they focused on their listening skills and where sounds were coming from.



FROGS HEALTHY TEETH!

Following on from the healthy breakfast, the Frogs continued to think about what our bodies need to stay fit and healthy: the right foods and drinks, exercise and sleep. They also focused on keeping their teeth healthy. The children came up with all the right ideas; cleaning them twice a day, visiting the dentist and eating and drinking the right things. They then completed an activity where they had to pick some healthy foods, and foods that were considered treats (not every day). However, the best activity was using the toothbrushes to clean some laminated teeth - great fun!



TADPOLES NUMERACY WORK

Tadpoles have had such a busy week. Lots of numeracy work including drawing numbers in flour, finding the magnetic numbers that were hiding around the Tadpole room and having lots of fun with friends with number songs. They really enjoyed their very special trip for a healthy breakfast and choosing what they wanted on their own, we don't know how some of the tadpoles managed three smoothies, a bowl of porridge with fruit, a fruit bowl and an egg with toast! They have also been very lucky that they could enjoy their new cosy den on the astro and enjoyed reading some books in the sunshine. What a great week!



PRE-SCHOOL CHILD-INITIATED PLAY AND LEARNING



YEAR 1 TALENTS AND SKILLS

In Year 1 this week, the children have been thinking about their talents and skills. They created a display of all of the things that they are good at. They then started thinking about something that they would like to get better at. They thought about ways that they could get better and who might help them to improve. In Maths, the children have engaged well in some practical lessons about height and length. They enjoyed being given the challenge of ordering themselves in height order. Next, they will be learning to use a ruler to measure in standard units of measurement!



GARDENS OF GETHSEMANE

Year 2 have been learning about the Easter story in RE lessons. We have been discussing Jesus' last days before Good Friday and his time in the Garden of Gethsemane. The children have created their own gardens of Gethsemane, collecting items from a walk in the grounds and then spending a lovely afternoon assembling them in the Year 2 walled garden.



PRE-PREP SCIENCE CLUB

Science club took advantage of the weather this week to get out into Forest School and look for signs of spring. They used magnifying glasses and bug catchers to take a closer look.



MINIS NEWS



MINIS SWIM

Minis certainly had great fun at the Senior School swimming pool last week. It was wonderful to see the Minis building their confidence in the water; blowing bubbles, kicking their legs and reaching for their squirty toys! We enjoyed playing by the poolside, riding the noodles and balancing on the giant floats. All of our Minis were super proud of how well they did!

