

Newsletter- May 2024

'We provide our families with a safe, loving and nurturing environment by offering outstanding care with a passion for child led learning.'



Follow us on our new Facebook page- Victoria House Day Nursery

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553838964049>

Enrichment program

We hope your child/children are enjoying the range of enrichment activities that are planned by all staff in all the rooms. These activities are exciting and engaging, linked with the children's interests and our themes.



Our enrichment program is set on a three weekly basis which ensures that all the children get opportunities to do a range of activities. All rooms take part in cooking, arts and crafts, outings, yoga and rhythm and rhyme time. We have also got access to Cinderella Grounds and currently Wise Owls are doing sport sessions over there and this term will be doing football and teamwork.

Update from our rooms:

Hatchlings and Fledglings

This month Hatchlings and Fledglings are going to be enjoying trips out to the park and library. They enjoyed making pizza,

shortbread, and Matzah for Passover. We have been learning how to move our

bodies, including going on bear hunt yoga. On our walks we will be collecting leaves, branches, and flowers to bring inside and talk about road safety and looking for the green man.



Little Owls



In Little Owls this month we have been very busy. We turned our home corner into a bank and took a trip to the local bakery. We counted how many pieces of jam doughnuts we had. We will be making shape pizza and encouraging the children to recognise the shapes. A colour hunt around the room and playing a game of snap with colour cards. We will be doing water play with the foam number and completing shape puzzles. Messy activity in coming for sun week which includes jelly and pineapple. Hopefully the sun makes an appearance.

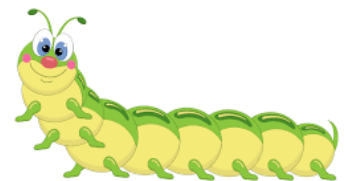


Just an update from Cathy the caterpillar. She has created a cocoon which the children are very excited about. We have been talking about the lifecycles of caterpillars. We have been talking about what colour butterfly she will turn into.

Wise Owls



In Wise Owls we are going to be focusing on getting school ready and becoming more independent for the school leavers. We have got caterpillars in Wise Owls which we have enjoyed watching grow and they are huge now compared to when they arrived. We will be doing learning activities around numbers including art, cooking, number walk, song, and rhymes. The children will be baking sausage rolls, lemon drizzle cake and vegetable kebabs. The focus for our field activities will be ball games and incorporating with numbers. We will be looking after our garden as we have replanted our spring onions, tomatoes, cucumber, and courgette plants.



Please can we ask that when you are dropping your children off in Wise Owls that you drop them off at the door and not at the gate as there have been several times when children are walking down the path on their own.

Tapestry

Parents/Carers! Your child is truly amazing and throughout your child's life they will make some mighty significant steps on their journey of development. Together we would like to show the children how proud we all are of these moments and celebrate their individual achievements. These are what we call at nursery our 'Proud moments'. So, if outside of nursery your child has perhaps tried something new for the first time (food, drink, standing, walking, talking, using the potty), or maybe enjoyed a trip or activity, please upload a photo to us via the Tapestry app. By doing this your child's key worker is then able to add this to your child's learning journey and use this as an interest for them to achieve and enhance their learning here at nursery.. **EYFS - it is important for parents and early years settings to have a strong and respectful partnership. This sets the scene for children to thrive in the early years.**

Polite notices

Please can we remind all parents to collect your child or children on time as we have had many occasions of children being collected late or dropped off before your session time. Unfortunately, this is still happening, and it has an impact on the morning and afternoon activities and staffing. If you are running late, please let us know, however unfortunately a late fee will be applied.

Please could we ask that you arrive ten minutes before your children's session ends as this allows staff time to discuss your child's day and if you have any questions for us. The setting shuts at six o'clock and if you arrive at six o'clock then we won't be able to discuss your child's day.

Dates for your Diary

May day (1st)

Sun awareness week (6th-12th)

International Dinosaur Day (5th)

World Bee Day (20th)

Term dates until September- for funded children

Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May- Half term

Monday 22nd July- Friday 30th August- Summer Holidays

Bank holidays- Full Nursery closure.

Monday 6th May

Monday 27th May

