Swing Gate Infant School & Nursery Newsletter



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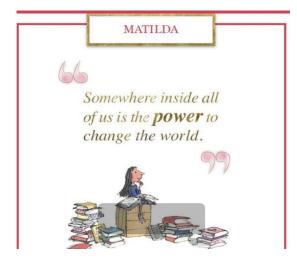
Nearly a month has now passed since the children have returned to school. We are continuing to welcome more children back to school.

For some children in school next week will be the last week with their current teachers. The teachers are planning exciting things to do in school and will be sharing their ideas for home learning.

The drop off and pick up times remain the same for next week.

- Squirrels 08:30 14:50
- Owls 08:35 14:55
- Rabbits 08:40 15:00
- Hedgehogs 08:45 15:05.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT



Guess Who?



This week we have a very cheeky dog who loves his food being cooked by his owner.



Brain teaser

What am I?

I come in many different colours I get bigger when I'm full. I will float away if you don't tie me down I will make a loud sound if I break.

The answer is.... a balloon.

Question: How many apples can you fit into an empty box?

Answer: One, then it isn't empty anymore.

Home & School Learning

As children are working both at school and home at the moment, we are continuing to share pictures from both learning environments. Please send photos for use in the newsletter, to the office email marked FOR NEWSLETTER. This week:

We make learning an adventure!

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Jasper from Squirrels class has been busy beavering away at home with his brother Felix. They have

created a scarecrow to protect their sunflowers. Apparently the scarecrow looks like Daddy!

Matilda in Foxes has been busy completing puzzles.





Squirrels class have been out and about this week their gardening skills have been put to good use and they have been enjoying the beautiful summer weather that we have been experiencing.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed picking the ripe and juicy strawberries grown and cared for by the EYFS children.





Leo and friends look very happy with what they have picked



Hedgehogs and Rabbits have been learning about pirates. Here are Ernie & Lucy modelling the fantastic hats the children

created themselves.

Mental Wellbeing

Brilliant Bangles

What you need: strips of coloured card, felt tip pens, glitter (optional).

How to Make

Take a strip of coloured card long enough to fit around the wrist. Using felt tip pens and other art supplies (glitter, buttons, paints, etc.), create resilience bangles by adding 'helper' words or phrases. For very young children, add simple words like '*confident*,' '*brave*,' '*smart*' and '*determined*.' Older children might prefer to use phrases such as 'I can do this' or 'I will achieve my goal.'

The aim is to create a personally decorated bangle that children can wear when they need to be motivated, encouraged or inspired. When decorated, use glue to seal the ends and form a bangle/bracelet shape.

Some examples of helper phrases:

I keep my mind open and flexible to solve problems.

I slow down and take a deep breath when I feel overwhelmed.

I can do this. I'll keep trying and figure it out.



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Nutritional Wellbeing



This week is a recipe for rather yummy **Muffin Tray Tortilla Pizzas**

Bake a batch of these cute mini tortilla pizzas with your children. Start with a simple tortilla base and classic cheese and tomato toppings, then comes the extra fun part – the children can add whichever toppings they fancy!

- Healthy
- Serves 12 (makes 12)
- 10 mins to prepare and 10 mins to cook
- 73 calories / serving
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Ingredients

- 4 flour tortilla wraps
- 6 tsp tomato purée
- 100g (4oz) mozzarella

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to gas 6, 200°C, fan 180°C. Grease a 12-hole muffin tin.
- Using a 7cm (3in) biscuit cutter, stamp out 12 rounds from the flour tortilla wraps. Spread each round with 1/2 tsp tomato purée and pop one in each hole. Cut the mozzarella into cubes and divide between the shells. Add extra fillings, such as veg, olives and sultanas, if you like. Bake for 10 minutes, or until melted and golden.
- 3. Leave to cool and enjoy!

And finally...

It was really wonderful to be able to welcome additional children back to school this week. I can't wait to welcome back Voles, Badgers and Foxes.

It has been brilliant to have the good weather so that we can do more learning in their outdoor Bubble environments.

We were so pleased to hear the Government's announcement for schools to be able to operate in whole class Bubbles and we are awaiting the Department of Education guidance for more information.

I hope you and your families continue to be well. Stay safe!

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