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### Upcoming Events

2<sup>nd</sup> April- International Children's Book Day

10<sup>th</sup> April- Happy Siblings Day

15<sup>th</sup> April World Art Day

20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>- Puddleducks

Birthday Celebrations

28<sup>th</sup> April- save the frogs day



### Welcome

This month we would like to welcome Millie, Bronwen, Frankie, Locksley, Marnie, Sienna, Torran, River.

We hope they enjoy their time here at Puddleducks.



### Puddleducks Birthday:

We are extremely excited to be celebrating Puddleducks 31st Birthday on **Friday 24th April**. We would like to thank everyone for their continuous support over the last 31 years. It has been wonderful to see Puddleducks family grow bigger each year and see how much the children have grown and developed over the years. It has been a pleasure to be able to be part of their early years journey.

To celebrate this amazing milestone, we have some exciting things planned.

### School Allocation Day- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April it will be school allocation day. This will be when you find out which school your child has been allocated for their school start in September. Once you are aware of the school your child will be going to please inform the Pre-School team, this will allow us to help with the transition to school. If your child is leaving us to go to a nursery school, please let us know so we can plan accordingly.

### Notice Board

We have created a parent notice board next to the front door. We will use this board to inform our families of all upcoming events.

### Stay and Play

Last month we enjoyed taking part in Heuristic play with our Ducklings and Twitchits. The children enjoyed exploring all the natural resources.

Our next stay and play will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April for our Pre-School Children.



### Nursery Development

We are excited to share our newly renovated Nutkin and Tiptoe room. The children have enjoyed exploring the new space.



## Ducklings And Twitchits



In Ducklings and Twitchits over the last few weeks we have been enjoying looking at different textures as we too part in the science week, we mixed colours and enjoyed using a variety of tools to create marks. Over the coming month we will be looking at exploring the garden and using the better weather to help us as we develop the gardening area. We will also be looking at sounds and using our musical books and instruments to help us develop our listening, understanding and processing thoughts.



This month in Tiggys we have loved exploring a wide range of activities and enjoyed celebrating special days such as St David's day where we created our own St David's flag and painted daffodils as well as St Patrick's Day where we painted shamrocks with peppers and danced to Irish music! We enjoyed science week where we made fizzy lemons, explored a colour mixing water tray and got involved in a colourful skittles experiment! This month the Tiggys have been focusing on developing their balancing and coordination skills through the use of balance beams, stepping stones and on the obstacle course in the garden. Moreover they have been exercising their hand eye coordination skills to pick up Easter eggs with big tweezers in the easter egg sensory tray! In Tiggys we thoroughly enjoy creating edible masterpieces and this month we had lots of fun making Gruffalo crumble muffins, red nose day pizzas and easter egg biscuits! Next month we plan to continue to explore the season of spring where we will create flowers with different resources such as paint and glue as well as learn about baby animals and their different sounds.

## Tiggys



## Nutkins



Over the last few weeks in Nutkins, we have enjoyed exploring a range of experiment activities around science week. Nutkins have been getting involved with exploring coloured gloop and mixing the colours, we gathered around in the garden and watched the coke and mentos experiment, we watched the dancing popcorn experiment, we enjoyed watching the skittles experiment and all the colours run through the water like a rainbow, we also took part in exploring baking soda with vinegar watching all the bubbles form. Nutkins enjoyed exploring out safari animal topic, singing along to 'running through the jungle' using our props, we looked at the shadows of our safari animals, we enjoyed exploring safari animals in gloop and muddy small worlds. Nutkins have enjoyed exploring spring where we used our tweezer control to pick flowers from our spring tray, we planted sunflower seeds along with creating a happy mothers day card for our mums. Next month in Nutkins we will be exploring spring further looking at various spring flowers and practicing using scissors to cut and stick flowers. We are also very excited to take part in celebrating Puddleducks Birthday.



## Preschool



We have had lots of fun in preschool this month where we enjoyed learning new and exciting science experiments during Science Week, like colour mixing gloop, baking soda and vinegar volcanoes, and Skittles colour fading. We have also been enjoying learning about healthy eating and keeping ourselves healthy and clean. We had lots of fun dressing up for World Book Day and exploring various activities such as creating our own Gruffalo crumble, designing our own The Three Little Pigs houses, and painting our own The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Preschool has had lots of fun taking part in cooking sessions and making various things such as Irish Sourdough for St. Patrick's Day, Easter Chick nests, and fruit skewer kebabs. Pre School have also enjoyed forest school where they have created their own flower potions and planted their own broad beans.

Next month we will continue to explore the season of spring where we will use our 5 senses with flowers and using different natural resources to paint with. We will also enjoy siblings day on the 10th of April where we will also learn about each other's families by creating our own family tree!



## Birthday celebrations

This month we would like to wish a Happy birthday to.

We hope you all have a lovely time celebrating.

Mateo

Violet

Olivia

Luca

Locksley



## Employee of the month

### Paige and Zoe



Well done Paige and Zoe for your continuous hard work, inspiring activities and detailed feedback to parents.

**Well Done!**