

# THE SUNSHINE GAZETTE



Welcome to the first Summer Newsletter. We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing Easter holidays and enjoyed the festive period, and come back refreshed ready for the final term.



## Upcoming Celebrations

The Sunshine Club will be turning 1... how did that happen?

And what a fantastic year it has been! The children have taken part in lots of wonderful activities and clubs, and we are currently finalising our new Development Plan which is full of exciting projects and initiatives that we have planned.

We will be celebrating our 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday in July so that we can mark this occasion with the children and families who have been on this journey with us.

We will reveal our plans soon so watch this space ☺

1<sup>st</sup>  
Birthday

### Cookery Club

The children continued to learn about healthy eating through creating rice cake fruit faces and caterpillar fruit kebabs. They also made butterfly cakes and shamrock biscuits to celebrate special events.



### Science Club

The children made slime and planted lavender so that they could observe changes that plants go through with and without water, and with and without light.



### Craft Club

The children had lots of fun making fire-breathing dragons over a few sessions and this half term they will take part in making their own aliens!

### Sewing Club

Following our Minibeasts theme the children made a variety of creatures and bugs using the cross-stitching technique. The children's skills are developing nicely!

## WELCOME to our new Team Members...

We would like to say a very warm welcome to the latest additions to the Sunshine Club team. **Minnie Seddon** joined our team in March and is based at the nursery site working alongside Angela and looking after the Reception children.

**Natasha Dalton-Tedstill** joined the school site in April after relocating to Manchester from Wolverhampton. Both Minnie and Natasha are settling in very well; we are sure you will join us in making them feel welcome and we wish them all the best for the future.

## What have we been up to...?

Following our theme of **Minibeasts**, the children had lots of fun exploring this topic in all areas of continuous provision. They created pom-pom minibeasts, healthy eating plate related to the Very Hungry Caterpillar, and they particularly enjoyed the tuff tray spider web which they followed up by building a bug hotel.

For **St Patrick's Day** the children learnt some Irish dancing, retold the story of St Patrick and made snakes which the legend says Patrick banished from Ireland.



We marked the celebrations of **Easter** with a great variety of activities such as creating Easter baskets, mindfulness colouring sheets, word searches and an Easter themed tuff tray.

# Coming up this half term...

This half-term we will be focusing on a brand new theme:

## SPACE

The children will be making space ships, planets and creating props for our tuff tray. They will also be making power packs out of junk modelling. We will also be creating the solar system out of Paper Mache.

Every day from 5.30pm we will be running a little **Gardening Club**; we will start off by planting salad which we can use in the club.

Two children from the Juniors, who have a great interest in Origami, will be running an **Origami Club**, teaching their peers new skills.

We are also very excited to be able to use the brand new **Trim Trail** as of next week that has been installed in the playground to develop our physical abilities.



After implementing our brand new menus, a child said *'This is like fine dining, compliments to the chef!'*



INFANTS

### Stars of the Week

**Darcey Mc, Rose P,  
Hugo T**

...for being kind, helpful and supportive of other children when needed

JUNIORS

### Star of the Week

**Ben Mc, Louisa C, Ava G**

...for being a great help to the staff and showing kindness to the younger children in the club

## Farewell, Joanna!

Last month we said a sad goodbye to **Joanna Majchrzak**, who left the Sunshine Club to join the nursery. Joanna has been an invaluable member of the team, passionate and 100% committed to her job, and she will be very much missed at the club by her colleagues and the children.

Joanna has settled in very well at the nursery and amongst her new colleagues and a group of children aged 0-2 years, and is continuing to be spread her fantastic work ethic there.

### Team Training

During the last term we greatly focussed on refreshing the staff members' knowledge and skills in mandatory courses such as:

**Paediatric First Aid** – Jess, Cathy and Maddy

**Food Safety and Hygiene** – Ros, Maddy and Jean



### Mobile Phones

Please can we ask you when you are on the school premises and dropping off or collecting your children from the club, to ensure that you do not carry your mobile phone in your hand and that you finish any phone calls prior to entering the premises.

If you need to take a phone call whilst at the club, please can you leave the premises in order to do so.

As I am sure you can appreciate, it is our duty to ensure that all the children in our care are safeguarded at all times and using your mobile phone whilst in the club is a safeguarding concern which goes against our policy.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.



Congratulations to **Bridie Kennedy** for being awarded **Team Member of the Month** this month.

Bridie is always warm and welcoming to children and parents, and supportive of her colleagues at all times. Well done Bridie!



**Safeguarding Level 1** – Ros, Maddy and Sophie

**Promoting Positive Behaviour** – Angela, Sophie, Cathy and Jackie

**Equality and Diversity** – Jackie, Kim and Ros