

## EYFS Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

We began the week by learning about Eid. The children watched a story about Eid and learned how Muslims celebrate Eid with their families and friends. The children also explored a sensory tray and made Eid cards.

This week we have been learning about what plants need to grow and we have been planting seeds during continuous provision. The children also practised their scissor skills by cutting flowers and leaves, created a flower collage and explored different gross motor skills such as balancing on crates, jumping over cones and walking on stilts.

The children loved participating in a drama workshop to learn about Saving the World and the 3 Rs - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. They pretended to be superheroes to save the world by planting flowers.

### Nursery

In English, we listened to the story 'From seed to Plant' and learnt key vocabulary such as flower, petals, bud and leaves.

In Phonics, we continued to play games to encourage oral blending and segmenting. The children enjoyed clapping out phonemes and blending them to make the word orally. E.g. p-a-t pat, s-i-t sit, t-a-p tap.

In Mathematics, we continued to learn about length. The children laid down and used cubes to compare their length with their friends. They also made long and short snakes out of playdough and used key vocabulary to compare its length.

In Mini-Woodies, the children created different shapes using twigs they found in the mini-woodland area.

### Reception

In English, we listened to the story 'The Tiny Seed'. The children answered comprehension questions about the story and wrote about the different stages of a plant.

In Phonics, we continued to learn how to read and write phase 4 words such as stamp, crunch, twist, string and sprint. The children learned the tricky words were, here, little and says.

In Mathematics, the children worked in pairs to create different size triangles on geoboards. They also built models and used positional language to describe the position of their model in relation to another object.

In Mini-Woodies, the children have been learning how to plant a sunflower seed. They identified what they would need to plant a seed and explained what the seeds would need to grow. The children independently planted their own seeds. Fingers crossed they grow!

Reception children had their first music assembly with KS1. They really enjoyed singing together and learning new songs with Mr Davies.

**This week's Makaton sign is:**

Wash hands



**Reception Exciting Words of the Week:**

- Sturdy
- Sweltering
- Swift
- Coniferous

**Nursery Number focus:**

4

**Reception Number focus:**

8

**Nursery Marvellous Mathematicians:**

Katie-Anna

**Reception Marvellous Mathematicians:**

Isla  
Kate

**Nursery Weekly Song:**

And the green grass grew

**CPS authors of the week:**

Sienna  
Evie

**Garden Project Home Learning – Nursery and Reception**

Thank you to all parents and children who sent their gardens into school. The children proudly showed them to their teachers and friends.

Please send your child's garden by 14<sup>th</sup> May if you haven't done so already.













## Meet our EYFS staff team

We have had no further staff changes ie our previous staff in the Nursery continue, some permanent and some agency, although Miss Hobbs has again been absent for some of this week. We are looking forward to Miss Hill and Mrs Green starting once they have worked their notice periods at their current nurseries. All are experienced / qualified.

### Miss Sue

I have been working in childcare for 10 years and I'm looking forward to supporting the nursery children at Claygate Acorns.

I love working with children and am very keen to see them all grow. I will assist and encourage their development and take great pleasure in seeing their progress and support them as they move into Reception.



## Update from Mrs Cunningham

Further update re safeguarding: As part of our actions, I invited our ELT schools' head teachers to look in particular at our dismissal procedures. They have visited before but as two colleagues lead Infant Schools, I value their thoughts and input. I have attached their report for you to read.

## Coffee Mornings

Due to staff absence across the school these were initially delayed, but I would like to set dates to invite Blue Acorn parents to pop in for a coffee, a chat and a tour of the school. (A full suite of transition events beginning after half term will be shared with all prospective parents imminently.)

I would suggest a maximum group of 5 parents at a time and am offering different days and times, so hopefully you will be able to find a slot should you wish to join me. I will even have jammie dodger biscuits! These will begin after both KS2 and KS1 SATs are completed.

- Monday 23 May 10.30am
- Tuesday 24 May 2.00pm
- Thursday 26 May 9.00am

If you would like to join me please telephone the main school office on 01372 465348 and they will book you in.

## NOTICES:

**Library** – From next week, Reception and Nursery children will start visiting the school library and request books to take home. They will be visiting the library on Tuesday afternoon, please ensure that your child has their book ready to be changed.

**Food** – We ask parents to cut any grapes, cherry tomatoes and sausages lengthways as these foods are common choking hazards.

**Sun Cream** - As the weather gets warmer please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and send your child with a cap/hat as they spend a lot of time learning outdoors.

**May Parent Consultations** – If your child has their birthday in April or October the class teacher will contact parents near the time to book a parent consultation slot. The meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**Water bottles** – Please ensure that your child has a water bottle every day in school. Please support us in teaching your child to understand when they need to drink water and to be independent with their self-care.

**Instagram Account** – Claygate Primary School has a dedicated Instagram account for EYFS. Please follow us and see what our EYFS children are learning.  
@claygate\_primary\_school\_eyfs

**Nursery Website** – Acorns Nursery now has a dedicated website with lots of information about the nursery. Please do have a look – [www.claygateacorns.co.uk](http://www.claygateacorns.co.uk)

**Parent communication** – Please remember if you have any questions or concerns you should first contact your child's class teacher followed by the EYFS leader. We are happy to discuss any questions that may arise regarding your child's learning.

We thank you, as always, for your continuing support.  
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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Willow Class and EYFS Leader – Miss Dias

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