

HEAD TEACHER HEADLINES:

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Welcome to our 2nd edition of Head Teachers headlines. I hope you enjoyed reading the first one and it gave you an insight into the things we get up to at Chapel Street Nursery School.



Today is football shirt Friday, which was started by Cancer research to raise money for bowel cancer. There are a few reasons why we have chosen to engage in this day. The first one is that football is such a great activity to delve into lots of different areas of maths. Some of the things your children will be learning today is recognising numbers, identifying patterns, looking at shapes of badges, counting how many goals they score... The list goes on. As well as helping us teach maths, it will also keep the children active in their learning which is so important for young children. This will keep them engaged and will hopefully mean they want to join in and learn. Another reason this day has been chosen is that we have been looking at how differently our boys and girls are learning and developing in all areas of the curriculum, especially maths and communication, language and literacy. While we know that football is not just a male sport, research tells us that boys need to learn in a much more active way than girls and sport is one way to keep our boys moving and engaged in their learning without them realising. It was great to see everyone (including the staff) having a great time today with only a small amount of rivalry between teams. Look out for more photos next week!

I have been looking recently at the data headlines following our spring assessment. The Nursery 2 children (Ladybirds and Honeybees) have made really great progress in all areas of the curriculum with an increase of the % of children on track seen in all areas. The increase is highest in literacy and maths which is fantastic for us as these have been areas we are working on more closely following lower % in previous data collections. As mentioned above, I have also seen the gap between the attainment of boys and girls get smaller at this data collection which is another area of improvement that staff have been working towards.

The Nursery one (Butterflies) data will be analysed next week with headlines appearing in next week's edition.

In Nursery one this week, the children have been busy making and eating chapatti's, making medals thinking about what they are good at, exploring textures by adding ingredients to dough, focussing on the routines and independence for our new children, filling and pouring and colour sorting. They have also continued to learn about Eid through looking at photos, trying on traditional clothing, dancing to music and making their own Mehndi patterns. St Georges Day and Earth Day have also featured in Nursery one with the making of flags and planting.

Nursery two have also been very busy celebrating St Georges Day and Earth Day by researching all about the moon, exploring how things grow and embracing the awe and wonder of the world. The role play area in Ladybirds has turned into a florist this week with the children continuing to explore money and counting whilst role playing using tills and flowers etc. The garden has seen lots of physical activities such as small trampolines and new climbing opportunities.



In Meadow this week there has been lots of building opportunities using different shaped blocks. Interventions such as Attention group have been focused around introducing Eid but in an appropriate way. The children have also been mixing soil and flowers/petals at the mixing station which is linked to the book they are exploring currently. Communication continues to be a priority with children using many different forms of communication such as PECS, object exchange and intensive interaction. Schedules are set for those children who are ready to follow a number of set activities with now and next boards used to show what is happening now and what you want the child to do next.

The SENDCO is working closely with another nursery in Luton to evolve their provision for children who have additional needs. All the staff who have visited Chapel Street have said how great The Meadow is for meeting the needs of children with severe and complex needs. It is really lovely when external agencies visit and compliment what is happening. The staff work so hard and always appreciate feedback.

In stay and play this week, our families have been making jelly fish, learning about St Georges day by making flags and using red dough. We have also set up builder's trays for families to explore Eid. Sarah and Louise continue to work with families within these groups and throughout the week looking at oral health, healthy eating, toilet training, sleep and much more. If you have any concerns, please speak to Sarah or Louise. You can also join our popular stay and play sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9.15am in the community room. You will meet other parents and spend quality time interacting with your child.



Over the next few weeks, we will be going live with a brand new website. We will let you know when it is up and running-you will find it at the same web address as the old web page.

What's coming up:

- Caterpillars week beginning 29th April
- Living eggs arriving 13th May
- Ark farm Wednesday 12th June all day

If your child is not in on the day that Ark Farm is here, you can book them in for an extra session if there is space available. For prices and availability, you can email the admin team at admin@chapelstreet.nurseryluton.com

Additional hours will be booked on a first come first come basis and all fees must be paid in advance.