

With the weather warming up the children have been learning about how to look after the plants in the garden. They had a wonderful time filling up the watering can, using the outdoor tap. As the children arrived on Monday morning the children were treated to marvellous messy play. They raided the cupboards in search for magnificent things to add to magic potions. They had a mix of chocolate powder, macaroni, flour and coloured water to name just a few.



The children in Teresa's group impressed her with their ability cut out, match and stick a variety of shapes. They counted the sides of a square and compared it with a triangle. All the children used their imagination to build a range of cars, aeroplanes, animals and buildings by using a selection of boxes and DT materials that you all kindly donate to us.



For break one day the children and staff enjoyed a delicious ice-cream cone. We talked about the sensory feeling on their tongue, the difference between hot and cold and their favourite flavour ice-cream before painting their very own favourite ice cream picture not forgetting to place a flake on top.



The count down for school begins, we have been supporting the older children with their transition to primary school by reading a range of moving on books, using the mood meter to discuss feeling excited but also anxious at times and reminding all the children that 'all their feelings are real'. On Wednesday we had a special circle time we're the children were invited to come in dressed in their new school uniform. The children felt extremely proud.

At the end of the morning the children let of some steam as they danced along to the animal boogie. Their moves were to be admired.



It wouldn't be summer without having a very Clapham Eaton mess! For cooking the children crushed meringues, whipped cream and sliced strawberries before folding it all together and spooning the mixture in to a ramekin. They looked yummy and we hope they enjoyed them. (please can we ask that you return the ramakins).



It has been a truly enjoyable experience to have butterflies in the nursery. The children have been observing them since caterpillars, watched with wonder as they went from wriggling insects to stiff cocoons and waited with anticipation for them to appear as beautiful painted lady butterflies. After feeding them for two days with fruits we finally released them in the garden as the children sang them the butterfly song to encourage flight. It was a truly sweet moment.

Just before the big release the older groups discussed symmetry by taking a close look at the butterflies wings they noticed that the pattern on one wing was mirrored on the other. With this knowledge they set about drawing symmetrical pictures. They were very impressive.



We are proud about our efforts at keeping our planet a healthy place for us all and have noticed more and more children and adults turning up on bikes and scooters on the morning drop off.

Happy birthday Grace and Lexi who both turned four this week, thank you kindly for bringing in yummy treats.



It has been delightful to watch the children working as a team and making up their own games during the afternoon.

Rosie's sunflower is now taller than her! Thank you for sharing.

Eglantine finished off her fantastic Friday class with a spot of magic. What a treat!

We were very lucky to have Lily's grandparents come in on Friday to read two lovely stories about Elmer and Winne the Witch. The children sat beautifully and really enjoyed them.



Reminders:

- We will not have a RULER word next week, but we will be reminding the children that "all our feelings are real"
- The Graduate Show is at 11.30am on Tuesday (Caroline, Sarah & Lulu's groups). All are welcome.
- Fancy Dress Day is on Wednesday
- End of term party is on Thursday - please sign up and bring some food. Thanks!