



AMBOURNE NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2022

WELCOME TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS

A very happy July. Another month has passed, and we have been busy here at the Ambourne House. We have continued to see a month full of happy faces, laughter, and fun. We have celebrated Father's Day, some of our preschool children have graduated, and we have started Forest School with our babies. Please take a peek look at this newsletter to see what else we all have been up to!



A MONTH OF FUN AT HOME:

We love to see what you get up to at home! Please keep us updated on Tapestry 😊



TADPOLES



This month has been busy in our tadpole room. We have started our forest school journey, recarpeted our front room, been "under the sea" with our sensory activities and we have said goodbye to our lovely Aron!

FOREST SCHOOL

This month our babies have begun their forest school journey and what brilliant weather we have



had throughout our trips. To begin we have visited our local community farm to link in with our interests of animals within the room. We saw some lively goats, pigs, ducks, and chickens! We have also visited Weston-Super-Mare beach and paddled in the sea and had a picnic lunch. It has been such a fantastic adventure, that the babies and staff have loved. We are excited to continue this adventure so that the children can explore and experience even more.

BODY PAINTING

To allow the children to use all their senses, we have enjoyed lots of tactile play within the baby room this month. We have had fun getting messy and body painting. This allows the children to use their gross and fine motor skills with total freedom and use whole body movements to create art. We used colours that reflect the new summer season and have proudly displayed their artwork on the walls. It is lovely to see the babies work together to create beautiful work!





UNDER THE SEA

The Tadpole room have enjoyed taking their children "under the sea" this month with water play and sensory play that has been focused with the ocean. World ocean day was on the 8th of June, and it highlights the significance of looking after our oceans. We have tailored this national day to a way that the babies can enjoy by creating an ocean using dyed rice and sea creature toys to allow the babies to explore textures and senses. It was a great success!

GOODBYE ARON

This month we have waved farewell to our wonderful (& newly qualified) baby room staff, Aron. Aron has worked at Ambourne House since September 2020 and has been a fundamental member of our downstairs staff, specifically in the baby room. We would like to thank Aron for his continued hard work and great attitude to learning. He will be greatly missed by all staff and children, and we wish him well in his next endeavour.



It has been a brilliant month in the Tadpole room, we look forward to continuing in this way throughout July!

FROGS



WELCOME TO OUR JUNE IN THE FROG ROOM

Hello to all Frog parents. We cannot wait for you to have a glimpse into what we have been up to in the Frog room. This month we have had fun with the Sports4Kids team, celebrated pride, and had lots of fun in the sunshine.

SPORTS4KIDS

This month we have welcomed the lovely Sports4Kids team into Ambourne to have a session with our toddlers, kindergarten, and preschool children to get active and use all our body parts! So far, our toddlers have enjoyed two sessions of fun, one of which focused on simple whole body stretches, balancing on one foot and recognising colours and moving to different coloured cones, and the other session



focused on the importance of recycling through the story of

Peppa pig. During the session we went on a journey of running, walking, hopping, squatting, and balancing. Our toddlers had so much fun role playing whilst exercising and worked on a lot of developmental milestones! We are excited to integrate this into their nursery lives.



AFFIRMATION STATION AND PRIDE

This month we have swapped our post-box area for an affirmation station. This comprises of a board which has different interactive messages which can be stuck onto our interactive board with Velcro, or it can be posted into our

rainbow Affirmation box. The messages are different statements about self-love and self-care such as "I love myself" or "I am important". When a child approaches this area a staff member will sit with them and read them the different affirmations. We aim to surround the child by as many positive thoughts as possible to create a safe and happy space for the child to relax. As well as this, we have made rainbows with the children which have been displayed in our room. This is to celebrate Pride month, and to show the children Love has no bounds. We have heavily celebrated loving both ourselves and each other and it has been hugely impactful.



WORLD OCEAN DAY

World ocean day was celebrated in the toddler room this month by creating our very own little boat! On a sunny morning we recycled one of our cardboard boxes by letting the toddlers paint it and turn it into a boat. We allowed the toddlers to choose their own colours of paint and we used an array of brushes to turn it into a wonderful piece of art. The children loved decorating the boat, and it was great to see the toddlers use their pincer grip whilst holding the brushes, and great teamwork sharing the different paints and sponges. We were all very proud of our work.

GARDEN FUN

This month we have enjoyed spending time outdoors in the toddler room. As the weather has been sunny, we have sun creamed the children, popped on their sun hats, and enjoyed spending time outdoors creating memories. We set up a paddling pool for the children to dip their toes, had a book corner with a blanket in the shade and planted herbs for our mud kitchen. We love being outdoors and the toddlers have had the best time!



KINDERGARTEN



This month the kindergarten has been very busy. We have focused on first aid and self-care; we have been experimenting with "how things fit together" and much more. Have a read to see!

FIRST AID AND SELF CARE

This month the children have enjoyed being their own mini doctors! We have seen the children not only care for one another, and the role play babies, but also themselves. Lots of the children have asked to bandage themselves up and been role playing doctors. It has been great to watch, and we love to encourage first aid here in the building!



PUZZLES



How things fit together, and using our curiosity is something we always encourage with the children. The curiosity approach allows the children to use their natural curiosity and imaginations. It enables the children to problem solve and use their independence. We have been fostering this in

our kindergarten room this month through our puzzles. We have encouraged the children to independently try and solve the puzzle to see how 'things fit together'.





RICE PLAY

This month we have enjoyed getting messy with rice play! We have coloured the rice different colours and used them to role play making 'cupcakes and different creations out of the rice. This skill required hand-eye coordination to be able to pour the rice accurately into the case. Good work Kindergarten!



Thank you for another fun month in the kindergarten room!

This month we have enjoyed various activities & worked together as a team; our June was wonderful.

NEW FRIENDSHIPS

This month we have had new children join our kindergarten room. We are so pleased with how well the children are welcoming in their new friends and the bonds that are being formed. We have enjoyed watching the children play group activities in the garden such as role playing "selling ice-creams" and looking after one another.

BUTTERFLIES



Welcome to a month our preschool room. This month has been no different to another in that we have been very busy in learning and preparing the children for their next educational journey into Primary School. As we are nearing the final term for this year, we have begun a continued focus on phonics, diversity, and have fun making various crafts. Please have a little look at the fun we have had below!

THE QUEENS JUBILEE

To celebrate the Queen's jubilee, this month we have enjoyed making various jubilee themed activities to celebrate the occasion. We have used shaving foam to make our own sensory cupcakes, and we have enjoyed making crafts to decorate the garden!



We allow the children to have complete independence in how they would like to use the resources we have available, and it creates total freedom in their play. We have seen children practice using scissors, and practice letter work to create wonderful pieces of work for the jubilee party!

SEQUENCES

This month we have worked on our numeracy by using counters to make sequences and practicing our counting. These small activities which allow the child to add and takeaway counters, and to recognise patterns are important in preparing them for their upcoming schooling journey. We have seen children approaching these activities with great confidence and curiosity. It has been wonderful.



GRADUATION



As the children are quickly approaching their next stage of life and will shortly be going to school, enjoyed throwing a gradation for our older preschool children. We enjoyed welcoming parents into the setting and playing some games together. Despite the rainy weather we had a fantastic time and are so proud of our new graduates! We will be sad to see the pre-schoolers who are about to embark on their schooling journey, but amazed and proud of the little people they have flourished into. Whether your child has been with us since the baby room, or if they are new to the setting, we have had the best time being a part of their learning and wish all families

luck in the future!

Please email us photos of your little ones at school, we would love to see how everyone gets on in September!

CELEBRATING THE QUEENS JUBILEE

This month we enjoyed celebrating the Queens



jubilee as a
setting. We
hosted a
week of
Jubilee crafts

such
as baking, making flags, making our
own crowns and sensory play.



On the Wednesday we enjoyed a
BBQ in the afternoon which
included a DJ and our own picnic
"fish and chips". We danced
throughout the afternoon and
enjoyed celebrating what was also
being celebrated throughout the
UK.

It was great to be a part of a wider
celebration and introduce the
children to such cultural events!





FUNDRAISING FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR

Join us on the 6th of August for our Family BBQ from 12 till 2pm.
Lots of games and fun with tasty food!

Following First Aid training we have decided that we would like all proceeds from the BBQ to go towards purchasing a defibrillator machine. The closest one to us now is 9 minutes' walk.

This machine will be attached to the front of the house and be part of a wider scheme in helping our local community, should it ever have to be used!

We will be holding a raffle and are currently collecting prices. If you would like to donate a prize or buy some tickets, please speak to a member of our team.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 6th, bring along the whole family.



PS as the Weather is now warming, we ask if you can send your child into nursery with appropriate clothing and a sun hat!

Thank you for reading this month's newsletter, we look forward to a new month of fun and activities.

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