

Dear parents and carers,

Over the last couple of weeks, I've been popping in a bit more and have enjoyed catching up with the children as well as a few parents. After a few days I quickly ditched the crutch, much to the dismay of the children. They really have enjoyed listening about my journey to recovery and never seem to get bored of hearing how I broke my leg. It's always the same 2 questions... "How did you hurt your leg?" and "Did it hurt?" Although more recently they've added, "Where's your stick?".

Much to their surprise last week I brought Luna in to play. Her visit was welcomed by children and staff alike, she loved the attention, the treats and the children are already asking for a return visit very soon. More good news this week! Following my latest X-ray, I can now confirm that after 19 weeks my leg is healing nicely so I should see a lot more of you as I start to try and return to normal! Still, lots of recovery to go until I get back to normal, but all the same, it was nice to hear I'm well on the way.

Thank you all so much for your positive thoughts throughout my recovery, as I've said before it really did help to hear your best wishes.

Coin Street Leavers Ceremony

Last week we held a fabulous celebration in the neighbourhood room for our Coin Street Champion school leavers.

This is the second year we have tried a celebration of this type, and one I think truly celebrates what it means to be a Coin Street Champion.

I know that some nurseries hold similar events where you often see children dressed up as mini graduates. Although no one can argue that the children look cute, at Coin Street we like to celebrate the uniqueness of every one of our children, and from the look on the children's and parents' faces, that is what we achieved.

In preparation for the event, the children answer a questionnaire to find out who their favourite superhero is, and why and what their superpower would be if they were a superhero. The key person then spends time talking with the children to find out about their likes, dislikes and what they like to do at nursery. All of this is then pulled together and reflected in images that the children place onto their capes and hats. The culmination of this work was clear for all to see when the leavers were welcomed into the neighbourhood room last Thursday.

The children looked so proud of their work and their outfits; it was a joy to see.

During the ceremony, the children were handed certificates with personalised comments from their key person as to why they thought their children were Coin Street Champions. Nobody was left out! We even had 2 children join on zoom to the event from their holidays, which was the icing on the cake.

Oh, talking about food, yes you guessed it, the result of the democratic vote for what special leavers lunch they wanted was (drumroll), hotdog and chocolate cake, a very overwhelmingly popular choice. At the end of the event, I got a chance to catch up with a few of our parents and was very grateful for the positive praise they gave for the nursery and in particular the Discoverers team, it really made my day. The team work very hard to bring this all together for the children so knowing it was appreciated makes it all worth it. My favourite comment and high praise came the following morning when I was greeted by Skylar who couldn't wait to tell me "Jane, I really loved the graduation!" which says it all really. We wish all our leavers the very best of wishes for their future and would like to remind them that they are always welcome back for a visit.

I've attached a couple of posters for our school leavers which give some hints and tips as to what to concentrate on over the summer to help get them ready for school. If you need any advice or support about how to make their transition as smooth as possible then please speak to one of the team.



Summer Activities

Don't forget that the children's centres run activities throughout the summer so it's worth contacting them for their summer programme.

Our Coin Street programme is attached for your information along with a poster about offers that some of the large restaurant and supermarket chains are offering to parents this summer.

For those of you going on holiday, I wish you all a safe and fun-filled trip which we look forward to hearing all about it on your return. For those of you staying with us, we look forward to spending the summer with you.

Date for the Diary

September Welcome Picnic on Saturday 10th September.

This will be the first event of this kind but one we hope will become an annual event. On Saturday 10th September we will be inviting all our existing nursery parents, children, new parents/carers, and children that will be starting with us in September, to join us for a getting to know each other picnic.

The invite is extended to our class of '22 Discoverer school leavers so that you can pop in and tell us all about your new schools. More details to follow nearer the time.

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind regards,
Jane and the nursery team