

Friday 18th March 2022

# Springside School Weekly Newsletter



## Head Teachers' Message:

*This week has been a really tricky week for us at Springside, however we've still managed to have lots of fun and enjoyed taking part in the comic relief and Holi activities, in addition to Alpaca therapy, Wilderness therapy, water skills sessions to name just a few.*

*Thank you to those families who shared their kind words with us as we said goodbye to one of our learners. We held a special goodbye reflection time on Wednesday, listening to her favourite prayer whilst perusing through a range of footage of her time with us.*

*Thank you to all of the families who completed the survey to help us shape the development of the School. We will share the feedback with all stakeholders in the upcoming weeks.*

*After Easter we intend to hold a circus event for all of our learners. We intend to invite families, to join in the fun. Please note further information will be shared in the upcoming weeks.*

*Take care*

*Melody*

## Head Teachers' Awards

### Well done!

Experiential: Raphael & Yusra

Exploratory: Shanice

Investigative: Jess and Cade

## Stars of the Week



Butterflies - Majidul

Wallabies - Raphael

Ducklings - Ibrahim

Zebras - Yousuf

Rhinos - Junior

Elephants - Aqad

Meerkats - Brandon

Monkeys - Araf

Penguins - The whole class

Dinosaurs - Subhaan

Giraffes - Yu Fan

Tigers - Joshua

Certificates have been sent home via email to celebrate with your child.



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## Experiential Phase

Butterflies have had a great week continuing with our space topic "To infinity and beyond" exploring our space play trays, light toys and of course our space themed Sensology. Did you know the moon smells of burnt matches! We have also been preparing for our Holi celebration creating a banner to cheer on the fun. We have seen some wonderful engagement this week as we work on our PLP's during rebound, and during Tac-Pac. Well done Butterflies keep on working hard!



## Exploratory Phase

Another week of exploring done; with some perfect outdoor exploring weather to finish off the week! We've managed some different days this week including wearing our best smiles for school photograph day on Tuesday, wearing pink to remember on Wednesday, wearing red for Red Nose Day on Thursday and joining in with a colourful celebration of Holi today!

Continuing with our themed daily learning, Ducklings have explored the celebration of St Patricks Day and continued to enjoy their outdoor learning space. Zebras explored and learnt both indoors and outdoors - including some soil messy play. Rhinos have explored exotic fruits and tolerated touching and tasting them. Elephants have continued to explore the animals from their focus story - Rumble in the Jungle. Meerkats have continued to develop independence in demonstrating their understanding of their focus story - Whatever Next! And finally Monkeys have used their senses to explore activities including: independent cooking skills, communication skills through music and maths on the move during PE sessions.

We hope you enjoyed seeing your child's school photograph this week. Have a lovely sunny weekend!



## Investigative Phase

This week in the Investigative phase we have all had another wonderful week of learning through fun. Dinosaurs class enjoyed a calming well-being afternoon, taking part in a sensory massage and doing some yoga. Penguins class decorated some red nose day themed biscuits which they packed in their picnic baskets and took with them for their picnic on the moon linked to their story 'Whatever Next'. Giraffes class have been working hard to develop their functional maths skills, counting and combining coins to make amounts in order to be able to make purchases. Tigers class have had an excellent week getting to know the new school guinea pigs Lola and Missy and learning how to take care of them as well as baking some yummy shortbread biscuits. As a phase we also loved celebrating Holi through our Dance sessions with Steph and colour festival with James today.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Investigative Team





## Rights Respecting School News

This week at Springside we have launched our Alpaca therapy sessions which support our learners across a wide range of needs. Learners from across the school will all get the opportunity to interact with the alpacas to help develop their confidence, encourage communication and support their mental health and well-being. Learners have also enjoyed celebrating Holi by taking part in Indian themed dance sessions and having a whole school paint throwing party outdoors in celebration of the festival of colour. Across the school we have also all enjoyed raising awareness and showing our support for comic relief by wearing red and taking part in lots of red themed activities and giving ourselves red noses.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kirstie



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