

Friday 26th March 2021

Springside School Weekly Newsletter



Head Teachers' Message:

I would like to thank parents for their openness and willingness to try different strategies in supporting their child when returning to education in the building.

We look forward to engaging in Easter related activities next week.

After Easter we are hopeful that we will be able to focus on our outdoor provision-looking at growing our own fruit and vegetables, using the forest area and entering a gardening competition.

Take care and stay safe

Melody

Head Teachers' Awards

Well done!

Experiential: Maddison and Lily

Exploratory: Ayyan M

Investigative: Amelia, Bella and all of Giraffes and Tigers classes!

Stars of the week



Butterflies - Lily

Wallabies - Aariz

Ducklings - Danny

Zebras - Yusra

Rhinos - Rayyan

Elephants - Raiyan

Meerkats - Ayyan

Monkeys - Noyon

Penguins - Adam

Dinosaurs - Sapphire

Giraffes - Yameen

Tigers - Marlon

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

REMINDERS



THURSDAY 1st April is the last day before our Easter break. Learners return to School on Tuesday 20th April.

LIGHT IT UP BLUE - On Thursday 1st April we are also taking part in Autism Awareness Day, we are asking people to wear something blue in support of people with autism. Donations are welcome but not necessary.



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Experiential Phase

This week, experiential phase have been working very hard, the wonderful Wallabies have been participating in lots of sensory activities surrounding the sub-topic of the spring weather. We have been tapping on the resonance boards to replicate rain sounds and striking the gong and pushing wheelchairs / walking over bubble-wrap to make thunder and lightning sounds. We also created some fantastic 'rain' paintings with some improvised spray guns and enjoyed tracking the 'rainbow' drops as they trickled down the paper. We have been dressing up as the beautiful swan from the story of 'The Ugly Duckling' and activating a switch to make the turkey from our 'Old Macdonald' story sing and dance to the 'Birdy song'; much to the annoyance of Debbie. Butterflies have been doing some pretty impressive movement sessions with everyone keeping those adults in check! Have a great weekend everyone!



Exploratory Phase

With a mixture of sun and rain this week, it has been a perfect opportunity for the learners to begin to pot some seeds for growing flowers and plants. Rhinos class have planted sunflowers and Monkeys class have explored some Spring daffodils. Ducklings class have done some amazing focus work during bucket time and Elephants class have done some fabulous Easter themed sensory and matching tasks.

Zebras class have shown some amazing colour sorting skills in maths this week and Meerkats class have been focusing on their readiness for learning and routine this week.

Next week is our final week of this half term and we are looking forward to fun-filled Easter activities and celebrating Autism Awareness by lighting it up blue on Thursday 1st April.

Don't forget to join us for our virtual phase assembly today at 1.30pm.

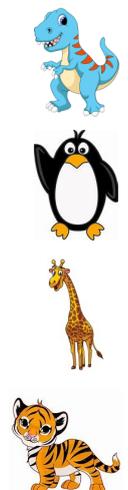


Investigative Phase

This week investigative phase have been helping each other out. Excellent sharing and using equipment and brilliant work. The garden plots are starting to take shape and we made some extra special gardens in Penguins using pastry and vegetables!

We are nearly all back in school now and working extra hard. Well done to everyone who has been working hard, we are really getting our chatta up and running again with Adam completing some brilliant work about his robot. We are really very proud of the work everyone has completed well done!

In Tigers class this week we have worked hard to learn the story of Jim and the Beanstalk using Talk4Writing. The learners have then written up the story using the actions to help them. We have also been taking great care of our sunflowers and beanstalks which we are growing. Kirstie's and Harleys sunflowers are currently winning the race.



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Rights Respecting School News

As I have walked around school this week it has been wonderful to see some of the beautiful Rights Respecting individual class charters popping up along the corridors and in the classrooms. I'm hoping to share some of these with you next week as the learners and their adults in class have worked very hard on them. Rhinos have had a lovely week exercising their right to play on our fantastic new climbing frame on the main playground. They have also enjoyed their right to be in school learning about Spring and planting some sunflowers. I'm sure they will be the biggest sunflowers ever once they have fully grown! Our steering group have also been working hard to create a selection of colourful and eye catching 'Right to play' posters for around the school to help the learners and staff think about ways we can access this right in school. Keep an eye out for them Springside staff when you're at school.

Have a lovely weekend enjoying your right to relax,

Kirstie



Mental Health and Wellbeing Award

This week the certificate goes to:

Ayyan M in Monkeys class



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