

Friday 29th April 2022

# Springside School Weekly Newsletter



## Head Teachers' Message:

Thank you to those families and staff members who planned, organised and engaged in the Circus event. For these events to be a success, a lot of planning and organising has to take place. Special thanks to Carole and the learning for life team for planning, organising, setting up and tidying up of the event.

As temporary Phase lead for Experiential and Penguins' class my time within School is largely spent with Butterflies, Wallabies and Penguins. It was a real pleasure for me to support the Exploratory Phase during the event. I was extremely impressed with the way the learners;

- Handled a change to the timetable
  - Tried new activities and a new taste
  - Accepted others in their space and accessed resources they showed a keen interest in
  - Engaged in activities of their choice for prolonged periods of time
  - Coped with parents attending and leaving the building
  - Coped with other parents
  - Transitioned from the classes to the event and back to class
  - Allowed and welcomed unfamiliar staff to offer various types of support
- Whilst our Curriculum has a huge emphasis on life skills, it was amazing to see so many learners demonstrate they could transfer their skills and learning to new situations. This is our ultimate goal for all learners!

Please remember it is a **Bank Holiday on Monday 2nd May**.

On **26th May** all learners will participate in a '**Jubilee event**'. To build on the success of the Holi event before half term the Mental health working party have planned a day of activities. Learners will be encouraged to;

- Wear Red, white and blue clothing
- Eat a special picnic with traditional sandwiches, trifle and Iced buns with milkshake outdoors like a street party
- Engage in some playground games and try may pole dancing
- Make some bunting, crowns and flags
- Engage in a whole school dance session

### Sign supported communication system

As a School we have identified a name sign for each of our staff members. As we move forward as a School, we intend to share the name signs with each family which will support transition. We are in the fortunate position of welcoming Ismaila as a parent governor and Lucy as a parent to join our signing team with Kayleigh and Sarah as trainers, in addition to both Anna and myself as tutors. We are hopeful after half term we can once again start delivering signalong courses in a range of formats to a range of stakeholders within the community.

### Religious Observance

To all those families who intend to celebrate Eid next week 'Eid Mubarak'. We hope you all have a fabulous time. Please remember to complete the survey to indicate if you intend for your child to stay at home to join in with Eid on **Tuesday 3rd May**. Your responses will help us plan accordingly and ensure our staff to learner ratio is adequate. **Wednesday 4th May** will be non-uniform, learners can wear party clothes if they wish.

### School development

I am looking forward to sharing our action plan with you on the **10th of May**, building on our successes, sharing our areas to further develop. Please come and join us for light refreshments, share your thoughts and ideas.

Take care  
Melody

## Head Teachers' Awards

**Well done!**

**Experiential:** Zayaan and Raphael

**Exploratory:** Derley

**Investigative:** Rita

## Stars of the Week



**Butterflies - Rihanne**

**Wallabies - Raphael**

**Ducklings - Frankie**

**Zebras - Thomas and Moez**

**Rhinos - Mariyah**

**Elephants - Maizie**

**Meerkats - Ellis**

**Monkeys - Mahmood**

**Penguins - Yusuf**

**Dinosaurs - Sapphire**

**Giraffes - Rehmat**

**Tigers - Amelia**

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



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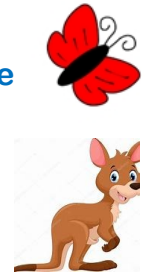
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## Experiential Phase

This week we have had a great week experiencing circus activities. We were visited by the very brilliant Skylight circus who helped us learn new tricks!

In class we have enjoyed a very funny sensory story about a little girl who went to the circus. We threw custard pies, smelt a flower which squirted water at us and even did some juggling.

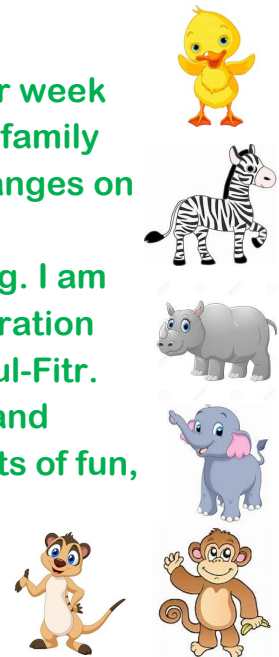
Enjoy your long weekend!



## Exploratory Phase

What a jam-packed week! Exploratory learners have had a super week getting into the swing of our circus theme and joining our circus family event this week. All of the Exploratory learners managed the changes on Tuesday morning remarkably well, it can be tricky having a very different morning and family members visiting the school building. I am very proud of all of the learners. Ducklings have enjoyed a celebration theme this week to learn about the upcoming celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr. They have especially enjoyed the sensory exploration of spices and chapatti making. The rest of the Exploratory classes have had lots of fun, exploring the circus theme through dressing up and learning new circus skills.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend everyone!



## Investigative Phase

The Dinosaurs thoroughly enjoyed the visit of Skylight Circus and trying out new circus skills which they have carried on back in their classroom too. They have been focusing on their wellbeing this week through Yoga sessions also. Dinosaurs have made great progressions with their transitions also now that they are eating in the dining hall again.

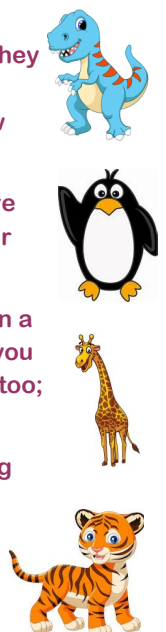
Penguins class loved the visit from Skylight Circus with their families, following on from that they have been doing some work on the tightrope and making some clowns. The class continue to work on their planters outside and would like to send a big thank you for the donations from home.

The Giraffes have followed on from the circus visit by doing some writing about what you would see in a circus. They are starting to learn about time in Maths, looking at different times of the day and what you do in the morning and night time. Giraffes continue to work on their play skills through board games too; developing their ability to take turns and follow rules of games.

Tigers class have been learning all about Ramadan and Eid this week in preparation for the upcoming celebrations; they have made cards, biscuits and placemats that will be coming home. They have also been enjoying peer massage linked to Eid, working nicely with their partners.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and those celebrating Eid have a lovely day.

The Investigative Phase Team



## Rights Respecting School News



Just before the half term break, our caretakers managed to help us proudly display our 'Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award' banner near the entrance of our building. Some of our learners from across school as well as some of our duty bearers (staff members) came outside to have a look at it and help to celebrate our silver status following lots of hard work from the learners and staff over the last 18 months as part of our rights respecting journey. As we relax our covid measures, we will now be re-instating our steering group and are looking for volunteer parents or carers to support us with our next step of achieving Gold. If this is something you feel you would like to be part of or can support with, please get in touch with Kirstie who will share more information with you.

Have a lovely weekend!

