



# **Head Teachers' Message:**

This week we had many families joining Charlotte for the first family session of this academic year. We hope you found the session useful. As we move forward we intend to share details of stay, play and learn sessions once the learners have settled in their classes. Look out for the dates!

Thankyou to those families who have shared kind words with us with regards to the passing of one of our learners. As a school community we have made the decision to wear something sparkly on the day of her funeral, the 4th October. On this day, we will be using glitter and other sparkly materials to create collages in her memory. Several staff members will be in attendance to represent Springside.

I intend to hold an event for families to meet the leadership team and provide some updates to our development plan. I am hopeful we can arrange for this to happen the first week after the half term holidays. It will take shape as a drop-in session.

Have a lovely weekend Take care *Melody* 

### **Head Teachers' Awards**

**Well done!** 

Blake in Giraffes
Haroon in Giraffes
Ayan in Penguins
Thomas B in Zebras
Saba in Wallabies

#### Skills stars of the Week



**Butterflies - Majidul** 

Wallabies - Raphael

Ducklings - Seven and Jayden

Zebras - Rafael

Rhinos - Aran

Elephants - Brayden

Meerkats - Haaris

Monkeys - Raiyan Ali

Penguins - Mahad

Dinosaurs - Maizie

Giraffes - Hafsa

Tigers - Duha

Certificates have been sent home with your child

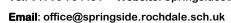












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# Springside School Weekly Newsletter Page 2

#### **Ducklings, Zebras, Rhinos, Elephants, Meerkats and Monkeys**

Ducklings have enjoyed exploring some activities related to the Queen this week. They have also really engaged with exploring new sensory resources in the classroom.

Zebras are continuing to make fantastic progress with their communication skills. They are using PODD and symbols with more confidence during snack time. They have also been busy practising their chopping skills in sensory cooking sessions.

Rhinos have enjoyed trying new healthy foods in cooking sessions. They have washed, chopped, smelled and tasted some healthy vegetables and even tried new foods they did not like before.

Elephants have made some sensory Lavender crowns for King Charles which have been lovely to smell. They were also excited to try out some different bikes in our MUGA.

Meerkats have been focusing on the Supertato story and have cooked, mashed and tasted some delicious healthy vegetables linked to the story.

Monkeys have enjoyed starting up some Rebound therapy on our big trampolines and exploring the climbing equipment in the Main Hall with lots of calm time spent enjoying developing our reading

It was a different week in Exploratory Phase starting on a Tuesday this week but we have still packed in lots of great fun and adventures!

**Kelly McLawrence** 

**Social Communication Lead** 

#### Wallabies, Butterflies, Dinosaurs, Penguins, Giraffes and Tigers

We have seen some super work this week from the Butterflies as we familiarise ourselves with a new routine. Lovely to see such high levels of engagement from our fabulous butterflies whilst taking part in our sensory story 'Supertato'!

In Wallabies, we have continued to familiarise ourselves with our new routine/timetable. As we complete the final transition week for our new learners, we look forward to all learners developing their social skills together through a variety of shared play and learning activities.

Penguins have had a very lovely week! This week we introduced our new class story 'A Superhero Like You' and focussed on the super work that vets, nurses and doctors do to help us. We dressed up, packed our doctor's bag and looked after our animals and babies with plasters and bandages!

Dinosaurs have been exploring people who help us and had a visit with the 'class doctor'. We have taken part in dough disco and messy sensory with beans. Dinosaurs enjoyed looking at the autumn colours on their morning walks.

This week Giraffes have been outside with their spades, looking for worms. Everyone really enjoyed looking for them, although not everyone wanted to hold them! They have also been dressing up as doctors and nurses. It was fun pretending to check that everyone was fit and healthy.

This week Tigers class were joined by other Investigative learners to visit M6 Theatre to watch a performance of Sunflowers and Sheds! We really enjoyed ourselves and the puppet chickens were a particular favourite. Back in class we each wrote a postcard to send to the theatre with our big thanks for such a nice morning.

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## Springside School Weekly Newsletter Page 3

### **Rights Respecting School News**

This half term we focus on Article 5 linking to how families and people who care for our learners (including those people in the community) support them to grow, use their rights and develop independence.



Tigers class have enjoyed independently accessing the community to develop their independence skills.

They have been on lots of trips since the start of the academic year including going to the swimming baths, local library, local park and to the M6 theatre.

Dinosaurs class and Penguins class visited the M6 theatre for the performance, too.

Please have a look at some of the photos of learning we have captured...













#### LEARNER COUNCIL

This week investigative learner council had their 1st learner council meeting.

They are Daniel, Jessica, Haroon, Naseer, Ayan, Shaun, Mysha, Rehmat and Sienna.

We have our flu vaccinations coming up in a few weeks, the learner council will be looking at how we can help the learners at Springside School.

















