

Friday 30th September 2022

# Springside School Weekly Newsletter



## Head Teachers' Message:

All of our learners new to Springside have settled in well and have engaged in their first full week. We are so pleased with the amount of progress they have made so far!

Please make sure if you send in a hat and gloves for your child to wear when playing outside, they have their name clearly written in.

Thank you to all the Parents who have joined us this week for parents group. We have had some really useful conversations and already managed to help a couple of families.

The group discussed a variety of things:

- Sleep; The sleep clinic and different bedtime routines and strategies
- Communication and the different tools available
- Transport and the issues that parents may have including transitions
- The free nappy service via the community nursing team how to order and resizing.
- We have discussed cost of living and how Rochdale have a fantastic food bank system.

Its been amazing to listen to the ideas from families and the different strategies they use at home including a fantastic little group called 'Little Blue Cup' on Facebook that may be able to help if your child has a particular item they use but has been discontinued in the shops.

Thank you all for your valuable input and support.

Have a lovely weekend

Take care

Melody

## Head Teachers' Awards

### Well done!

- Mariyah, Dylan and Aran in Rhinos
- Ellis in Tigers
- Millie in Monkeys
- Saba in Wallabies

## Skills stars of the Week



**Butterflies - Brayden**

**Wallabies - Ben**

**Ducklings - Mustafa**

**Zebras - Ibrahim**

**Rhinos - Dylan**

**Elephants - Deacon**

**Meerkats - Joshua and Ayaan**

**Monkeys - Yousuf**

**Penguins - Musa**

**Dinosaurs - Zakariyya**

**Giraffes - Elnathan**

**Tigers - Zohaib**

*Certificates have been sent home with your child*



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

This week Ducklings have been looking at superhero doctors and nurses by looking at the song Miss Polly and using the doctors kit to make the toys better. They have loved singing and exploring the instruments. Well done to all of Ducklings for completing their first full week in school.

Zebras have continued their hard work from last week and developed their transitions across school. The communication and independence in cooking sessions has been wonderful to see.

Rhinos have had a fantastic time making some sensory super hero masks with lots of colours and textures. They've also enjoyed settling into their lunch time sessions in the parrots room to develop their independence with eating skills.

In the Elephants class the focus has been on learning all about the people who help us. They've also enjoyed doing some sensory mark making using different transport toys to make marks in paint and observe the differences.

In Meerkats everyone has engaged really well with a super Jabadao music and interaction session. They have also been developing more independence with teeth brushing and really like to listen to the Brush your Teeth song to help.

Monkeys have visited the Computer Suite to access some cause and effect number songs - they have loved learning to choose and navigate new songs. They have also taken part in sensory Write Dance sessions to engage their mark making muscles.

Another Super Week in Exploratory Phase!

Kelly McLawrence

Social Communication Lead



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

The brilliant Butterflies have continued to enjoy a range of sensory activities this week. We are particularly enjoying our 'Supertato' story as we are becoming more familiar with it. Some wonderful anticipation!

The Wonderful Wallabies have had their first full week as a class of 10. Some of our new learners have experienced new communal rooms around school for the first time, including the big hall, the light room and soft play. We have continued to find motivators to promote our communication skills and linked our communication work to our half termly rhyme - Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.

The Penguins have had a great time this week exploring the Police and Fire service and the super work they do! We have also enjoyed a fun Jabadao session with our friends from the Dinosaurs class.

The Dinosaurs have got into the swing of their phonics and reading intervention sessions with learners showing that they can match letters and words to pictures. Learners have also continued learning about people who help us and created a collage of all the people who can help us.

In Giraffes this week we have focussed on one of the characters, a toad, from our story Superworm. We hopped like frogs in maths and used toy toads to try and make them hop onto a lily pad in water. We have also role played going on a bus, the passengers paid the driver for their ticket and took their seat for the ride.

This week Tigers class have been working on their friendship skills! It is something that is very important to each and every Tiger learner; so, we have been using the skills of patience, listening and cooperation in a variety of different activities. We have enjoyed board-games in the classroom; using the climbing equipment during PE and spent lots of time outdoors with our partners looking at how the natural environment is changing now it's Autumn - it's been a busy week!

Olivia Brougham-Robinson

Physical and Complex Lead



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## LEARNER COUNCIL

This week the learners have made their learner council badges. They felt proud to be representing their class.

We also discussed how we feel about the flu vaccination. Sienna said that if she feels scared about anything, she does her breathing exercises, we all agreed it was an excellent idea and we will share this with our classes.

Mishelle, the teacher in Meerkats class has written a social story about taking the flu vaccine, we have taken copies back to share with investigative classes and next week will share these with the rest of school.

If you have not already done so, please make sure you complete the vaccination form to let us know of your wishes for your child by following this link. <https://www.nhs.uk/flu/information?Id=135200&Type=FLU>

Please see the below social story for you to share with your child if they are having the flu vaccination. If you would like a paper copy of the social story, please contact Shazye or Charlotte.

**It's time to get a Flu Vaccination**

A flu vaccination will help protect you from getting sick.

You can catch flu germs when people cough or sneeze near you.

A nurse will be visiting Springside to offer you the flu vaccination.  
It does not hurt.

The flu vaccination is inside a nasal spray. This will not hurt.

A nurse will spray the flu vaccine inside your nose.  
This will not hurt.

nasal spray

Get your Flu Shot

It's time to get your flu vaccination spray...  
to keep the germs away!



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