

Friday 3rd December 2021

# Springside School Weekly Newsletter



## Head Teachers' Message:

*Korie-Lee and Amelia have been chosen to support the leadership team in keeping the learners safe. On Thursday they were given their first task of ensuring the Christmas tree decorations were safe, identifying which decorations maybe too small or sharp. They then decorated one of the Christmas trees. Every fortnight they will focus on a task and update the learners across School. Before the end of this term, they will look at how we can make the car park safer.*

*Thank you to those parents who once again supported us with the testing. We know it can be frustrating and we thank you for your understanding. We know you will continue to help us to do everything possible to keep our learners safe, some of who are very vulnerable.*

*Thank you to the families, bus escorts, drivers and staff members for their quick acting on Wednesday when the fire alarm went off unexpectedly.*

*Louise is moving on from Springside in January to work for the LA. To ensure consistency for the learners in Penguins the teaching assistants will remain the same-Jane, James and Kayleigh .*

*Take care  
Melody*

### Dates for your diary

Friday 10th December - Save the children Xmas jumper day

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Lunch. Learners can wear their choice of clothing on this day, whether that is dressing up, party clothes, uniform, their favourite comfy clothes etc.

Friday 17th December - Last day of school. Learners return to school on Wednesday 5th January.

This week our Mental Health and Wellbeing Award goes to:

**Jannat**

**WELL DONE!**

### Head Teachers' Awards

#### Well done!

Experiential: Riah

Exploratory: Haaris

Investigative: Korie-Lee

### Stars of the week



**Butterflies - Sumaiya**

**Wallabies - Sapphire**

**Ducklings - Poppy**

**Zebras - Thomas**

**Rhinos - Danyal S**

**Elephants - Maizie**

**Meerkats - Ayaan S**

**Monkeys - Noyon**

**Penguins - Bella**

**Dinosaurs - Nathan**

**Giraffes - Yu Fan**

**Tigers - Korie-Lee**

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



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## Experiential Phase

This week in school Experiential phase and the wonderful Wallabies have been exploring the colour green. We have been developing our choice-making skills by way of choosing a green item from the tray. We have made a fantastic Christmas tree display using our green hand prints to represent the branches / needles. We have been making green coloured puddles out on the playground using powder paint and have enjoyed a couple of cause-and-effect type number games using green food colouring to make '10 Green Bottles' (knocking them off the 'wall') and throwing 5 green bags / frogs into a green hula-hoop 'pond'. Butterflies had the most wonderful time with green glitter making Christmas trees and exploring the way they glisten and shine... Somehow, Richard refrained from painting himself green and doing his best impersonation of the Incredible Hulk and we were very attentive towards our new sensory story about the letter sound 'S'.



## Exploratory Phase

This week had a different start with the cold, snowy weather on Monday. Learners who were able to make it into school really enjoyed a range of snow related activities including snowman building, taking turns to sledge down snowy hills and exploring the snow and ice in a range of sensory ways. I do hope that learners who remained at home had some fun experiences in the snow, too!

Sunday was the first day of advent so we have explored advent-related activities linking to our Colour and Light topic. Christingles are a tradition of advent and so Ducklings learners have explored orange fruits, candles and mixing red and yellow to make orange. Learners in Monkeys class have also enjoyed the use of the sensory room to explore and enjoy a 'light party.' All learners have begun to explore Christmas decorations and festivities this week, class teams are supporting learners who may feel a little overwhelmed by the changes that Christmas brings.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!



## Investigative Phase

Investigative phase have been busy decorating classrooms and making things for our winter wonderland event next week. There has been lots of counting and ordering with some of our younger learners exploring writing numbers to communicate our understanding. Some of the learners have been making or writing letters this week and we've all been out in the crispy cold air to feel the frost; we even had to sweep away the huge puddle to get to our walk one day...Brrr, wrap up warm and have a wonderful weekend everyone!



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