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Welcome

We would like to wish a warm welcome to the children who have recently joined our Footprints family; **Babies:** Edith, Isabelle, Jessica, Cian, Francis, Toby, Rowan, Miles and Thomas. **Toddlers:** Emilia. **Preschool:** Ellie and Oscar. We're looking forward to making lots of memories with you and your families and being a part of your early years development!



Dates for the Diary

We have lots of exciting events coming up over the next few months, make sure to add a few key dates to your diary:

- September – Harvest Celebrations (Preschool)
- 26th September – Teddy Bear Picnic (Toddlers)
- 1st November – 9am-11am – Stay and Play
- Date to be confirmed – Christmas Trip (Preschool)
- 12th December – Children's Christmas Party
- 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 24th December – Nursery closes early at 4:00pm
- 2nd January 2019 – Nursery reopens at 7:30pm



Graduation

We said a very sad goodbye to the last of our Pre School children last week and they recently Graduated from Footprints with a scroll and a medal. Some of these children we knew when they were still in their mummies tummies, others we met along the way, but one things for sure each and every one of them have touched our hearts in a way we will never forget.

Thank you to the children for being such a pleasure to be around and thank you to all the parents and grandparents for all of your support!



First Aid...

is a very important part of nursery life and we want all our families to feel assured that should an incident occur there will always be someone on hand who knows how to deal with the situation. Earlier in the Summer the staff spent two Saturdays learning the most effective and up to date methods to deal with accidents and incidents and I am pleased to say we all passed!



Full Fat Milk

A parent shared this article on full fat milk with me, I thought you might find it interesting:
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/11/16/children-who-drink-full-fat-milk-end-up-slimmer-than-those-on-sk/>

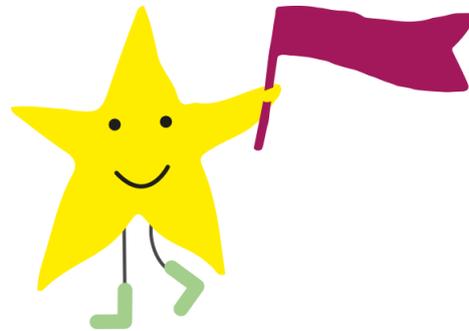


Summer Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our summer fayre and raising money and awareness for Batten Disease, in particular the charity Ollie's Army.

Thank you to all our wonderful staff and their families for dedicating their Saturday morning to this worthy cause and thank you to the following local businesses for their support:

- David G Ross Ltd
- No. 74 Delicatessen
- Pizza Express
- The Sale Sharks
- The Bollington Ice Cream Company
- Macclesfield Leisure Centre
- Belfield's Village Bakery
- Amy & Elisha's Bakes
- Amaze Bouncy Castles
- Kazkards



We will let you know how much we raised as soon as possible - we still have some counting to do!

For further information on Batten Disease please follow the link: <http://www.bdfa-uk.org.uk/about-batten-disease/>, or to find out about the Ollie's Army charity please click here: <http://www.olliesarmy.co.uk/>

Snapp Happy

Everyone can experience hard days or hard times in their life and the emotional well-being of our staff is extremely important to us. Children thrive off a positive environment so staff who work with children need to be happy and positive all of the time.

We recently spent an evening with a lady called Carol-Ann Reid, founder of “Snapp Happy”. She talked us through different techniques to discourage negative thinking and feelings, and promote positive, happy thoughts. All in all it was a very positive evening!

If you would like any information please follow the link:

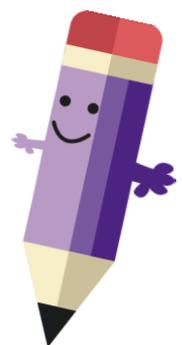
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Next Steps

You may have seen some new displays going up around the nursery rooms with “next steps” as a heading. First and foremost we do everything we can to ensure your child is loved, safe and secure whilst they are at nursery but following on from that we also provide lots of activities to ensure they are learning and developing.

We have introduced “next step” boards so you can see which area of the EYFS we are focusing on for your child. Have a look when you get a minute or feel free to ask your child’s key person for further information.



Staff Member of the Month

Congratulations to Daniela Maldera, Kelly Hudson and Rachel Coburn for winning the staff member of the month over recent months.



All three members of staff have shown dedication and commitment to our wonderful children, we are very lucky to have them as part of our Footprints Family!

LearningBook Assessments

Please remember to write comments at the bottom of your child's assessments. If you're doing this online via the LearningBook Parent Portal please scroll down to the bottom of the assessment and enter your comments. If you are unable to access LearningBook please let us know and we can help.



Your comments on assessments are very important as you know your child better than anyone else and if we work together your child will receive the best possible start in life.

LearningBook Memory Sticks

We are pleased to announce that due to feedback from parents and other LearningBook customers you are now able to purchase a memory stick with your child's full learning book on. Please log on to your LearningBook account and click on the "shop" tab to place an order.



Please note that when your child leaves Footprints we will "archive" your child's profile on LearningBook. At this point there will be 30 days before your child's data is deleted and you will no longer be able to log in to their learning journey or order a book or memory stick. When we archive your child, LearningBook will send you an email and a pop-up will appear in the Parent Portal.

*Take care, see you soon
Rachel*

If you have access to social media and would like to see what activities and achievements are going on in our nursery day to day, then please like us on Facebook and on Twitter.

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