



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .

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This week, the children have flown into outer space!

As our theme 'Here, There and Everywhere' has evolved over the term, the children have shown an interest in rocket ships and flying to the moon.

We have enjoyed sharing the story 'Aliens Love Underpants' and have used this to base our learning upon. The children have been creating repeating patterns on pants, as well as using their fine motor skills to design their very own playdough aliens.

The children have also learnt some new facts about space and the solar system, using a small world set up to introduce new vocabulary and interesting information.

They also used a bubble wrap printing technique to create planet Earth pictures and talk about where we live. The children decided that it wouldn't be a good idea to live in the ocean, as they can only hold their breath for a little while when they are in their swimming lessons, and that this is a very tricky skill! Plus...sharks!

The sensory room has been transformed into a fantastic space-themed room with twinkling star lights - and of course, a trip to space wouldn't be complete without an opportunity to practice moonwalking whilst dancing to 'Rocket Man' by Elton John!



STAR OF THE WEEK



for asking lots of curious questions!





Calling all Superheroes!!!

We are holding a fundraiser for Young Lives Vs Cancer in honour of our own little superhero Marley who completed his treatment for cancer earlier this year.

The event is taking place on Saturday 8th June 10am-1pm.

There will be fun and games, crafts, biscuit decorating, tombolas, refreshments and much more! You are welcome to dress as your favourite superhero. Entry tickets are £1 per person and are available to buy from Next Steps. Tickets will also be available on the day, but to be able to raise as much money as possible, we would like to have a more accurate guide on how many people will be attending. Thank you for your support in this.

Raffle tickets are also available from the nursery, for £1 per ticket, (and for sale on the day). We have already received some great prizes from local businesses, and we are always grateful for more! Any volunteers that would be able to spare some time to help set up or cover a stall, please let us know.

We are also asking for donations of the following:

- Non alcoholic bottles, for example squash, fizzy drinks, shower gel, bubble bath etc. for a bottle tombola.
- Used, but in good condition, small soft toys/teddies.

Reminder: Pre-school Leavers Photographs.

Nigel Coles is coming in on 11th June, from 8:30am. If your child is not normally at nursery on a Tuesday, you are welcome to come along with them for the group and individual photos. This is for our **preschool** children only and no sibling photos can be offered on the day.

School Half-Term

The nursery will be closed on Monday 27th May for the Bank Holiday and the school half term will be from Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st inclusive. Nursery will be open, however if your child will not be at nursery please let us know. **Please note, the school kitchen will be closed on these days so a packed lunch will need to be provided for your child.**

Dates for the Diary

Monday 27th May: Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May - School Half-Term.
Packed lunches required

8th June: Fundraising Event, 10am - 1pm.

11th June: Pre-school Leavers Photographs

Summer Closure: 5th August - 16th August inclusive.
Nursery will re-open on Monday 19th August.

26th August: Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed