



Mayville Nursery News

March 2009

Since my last newsletter we have made some big changes in the Nursery. Our three years plus children have moved to the Kenilworth site and become Kestrels. Mrs Tremorin and Mrs Edginton went with them to join Mrs Trayte who previously taught the old Transition class. This new area has been a great success. The children from the Cygnet's room, two to three year olds have moved into the Swan room and became Swans and the Nest has been divided with the older babies moving downstairs and becoming Cygnets and the younger babies remaining upstairs in the Nest.

Welcome

We would like to welcome two members of staff – Miss Louise Westbrook and Miss Tara De Carteret who joined our team just before Christmas. We also offer a warm welcome to all new children who have recently joined our Nursery.

Birth to Five

Since September, 2008 the staff have been working on the new Early Years Foundation Stage birth – five, in accordance with the government guidelines. This covers all the six areas of learning. It enables us to keep a close record of your child's development from the time they join our Nursery and is passed on to each class until your child is five years old. The learning journey is for you to look at on request and then for you to keep when your child leaves Lower I.

Flying High

You will probably have read in the March edition of the "Mayville News" about our accreditation for "Flying High". We have now been honoured to receive our certificate which was presented to us by Catherine Kickham who is the Senior Years Adviser and Head of Early Years Service. I would like to thank all staff, parents and children who contributed towards us gaining this prestigious award. I am enclosing a leaflet for you to understand what the award is for. Our achievement was recognised in the local Newspaper on Tuesday 10th March. We were informed by Catherine Kickham that out of ninety nurseries and over forty pre schools in the Portsmouth area only five others have won this award.



Mrs Sue Cole

We are continuing to wish Mrs Sue Cole good health. Sue has been off sick since June, last year with breast cancer. She has been having treatment, but it is a long slow process. She has been very sick at times, but still remains very positive. We were pleased to see her for our Flying High presentation.

Topics

The Swan nursery children enjoyed their topic on “The Weather” as well as doing activities connected with the topic. The children were also able to experience all types of weather including the snow! In spite of being really excited about going out to play in the snow, they very soon wanted to come inside when they realised how cold it was. Our present topic is Spring and Easter. The Kestrels topic before half term was “Once upon a time” which coincided with Book Week and the children were all able to dress up as characters from their favourite book. Their topic for this half term is “Transport”.

Comic Relief

The nursery children had an enjoyable day doing “Something Funny” for Red Nose Day. They made and ate red nose sandwiches, then played with real red jelly, finding toys at the bottom. They potato printed Red Noses on to a funny face picture. They also brought funny things to school including a whoopy cushion, a Mr Tickle and false teeth.



They dressed up in lovely costumes. We had several characters from “The Night Garden, a bride, a lady bug, Rory the racing car, pepper pig, tigger, a big red nose and a little devil. The staff also joined in with the dressing up and arrived at Nursery in their pyjamas. At the end of the day the children put their hands into a red nose box to find a little treat to take home. The overall money raised throughout the school was £1,200. Thank you for your support.

Uniform

We would like to remind parents that children in the Swan Nursery must be in correct uniform during term time, also all clothing and items brought in by the children must be clearly marked with their name. Name tapes either sewn on or iron on can be obtained via the Nursery. £2 for each order placed goes towards nursery funds. Order form attached.