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June has been a most special month at nursery as we celebrated with families of school leavers their child's achievements.



Despite early downpours, we enjoyed an evening in the nursery garden celebrating each individual child as they took a bow and collected a special keepsake photograph. The children joined in dancing and signing to Lean on Me and, before long, the whole audience were clapping along. We also surprised Emma with special guest Pete from Young People vs Cancer presenting her with her Platinum Champion Award.

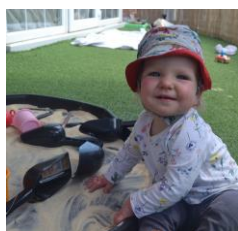


We are so proud of the Class of 22, the world turned upside down in their time at nursery, yet they leave with confidence and independence. They have learned so many things along the way .... in the natural world they will tell you about lifecycles, habitats, nocturnal animals and hibernation (ask them about Maggie Prickles the hedgehog!), they have met people from the wider world ...Kim the dental hygienist, Granny Judith with her fossils, the police, an author ...and the best had to be swimming with Lundy Seals with VR headsets! The children have had fun learning Lifeskills such as crossing the road and beach safety (ask them about the beach flags and what to do if you get lost at the beach).

Teachers from the Primary Schools are visiting the children at nursery and we are hearing about fun visits to your schools. This is such an exciting time for your children and, although we would like to keep them at nursery forever, we are super proud to watch them spread their wings ready to fly.

**Overheard in Kindergarten: "How are you feeling about your new school?" little boy.... "I'm going to big school in September. It's called Primark!"**

# LADYBIRDS & BUTTERFLIES



Our little Ladybirds and Butterflies have been keeping cool this month, splashing in the water tray, playing in the shade, exploring the woods, quiet stories under the tree and singing songs. They have been talking about wild animals and looking at books with pictures of tigers, lions, monkeys, zebras and giraffes. The children loved the chunky chinks in the water and making patterns with their fingers. More mark making was going on with fingers making patterns in the paint tray and using paper to capture the colourful effects.



# DRAGONFLIES

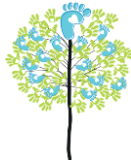


Dragonflies have been learning about exotic animals this week. The garden room has small world wild animals, masks for the children to wear, mark making areas, playdough station and pictures of animals from around the world. They have enjoyed stories about jingle animals such as 'Georgina the Giraffe' by An Vrombaut and 'Little Monkey' by Marta Altes. The children laughed so much when they pounded, thudded and tiptoed their toy animals through the runny paint and made footprints onto the paper.

The children have had a brilliant time, painting large cubes of ice, splashing in the water tray, rolling balls through the tunnels and tubes, eco-printing using petals on fabric, stories under the tree and singing on the hill.



# KINDERGARTEN



“His are the brown pair.....”

Please can we ask that ALL clothing is labelled. We have a lot of children with similar clothing. This would be an enormous help, thank you.

THE BROWN PAIR!

Following our discussion about pollinators, we were talking about colourful flowers and how they attract insects. We decided to extend this discussion and planned to make some fantastic bunting reusing scraps of material and petals. The children had great fun using the mallet to print the pigment onto the fabric. This required lots of hand eye coordination and spatial awareness. The bunting is beautiful and we know to plant lots of flowers for the pollinators so we only used a few sprigs.



To help keep us cool this month, we have been painting large blocks of ice. It was fascinating watching the ice melt and disappear during the day.

Liz makes the most delicious vegetable curry and rice, served with a naan bread. One little boy told us...“I know what naan bread is made from, it’s bananas and naans!”



Our topic this month has been ‘Exotic Animals’ talking all about the jungle, wetlands and zoo. We have had lots of fun making our own jungle and even made a huge den in the playground.



We have been making parrots and snakes for our jungle display. Outside we have been using wheel barrows to lift heavy items had a cargo net to crawl under. We have also been playing a memory game by showing the children some items hiding them under a cloth and taking one away then asking them if they remember which item it was. Some of the children had very good memories!



## ECO-HEROES - NEWS



**St. Michael's**  
Nursery

As a plastic free nursery, we are passionate about teaching children about the environment all year round. To celebrate 'World Ocean Day' this year, we were absolutely thrilled to welcome Plastic Free North Devon to visit our nursery. <https://plasticfreenorthdevon.org/> The children in Kindergarten enjoyed stories and a discussion about how sadly plastic is not always fantastic. Claire and Anne-Marie talked to the children about single use plastic and how it is better to reuse items instead of using something once then throwing it away.

All children agreed that they would like to help the environment and they like nature; "I like riding my bike outside" said one little boy and "I build sandcastles at the beach and I like ice cream" said another.

We talked about Lundy Island and the amazing haven it is for wildlife. The highlight of the morning was using the virtual reality googles to sail, swim and discover the ocean. "Look my feet are in the water!" exclaimed one excited 4 year old! "LOOK THERE'S A SEAL!" excitedly squealed another.



## Notices:



**Remember...I don't need to rinse my mouth out with water after brushing my teeth**



**Bizzy Beez coffee and play**

Tawstock Village hall (EX31 3HZ)  
Wednesdays 9-11 am.

Come join in the fun. All ages welcome. No membership, just pay as you go.  
Children £2 Adults £1

Messy play, Arts 'n' crafts, Music and dancing, Outdoor toys, Story time.

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