



Early Years Foundation Stage 2017-18

We aim to create a safe and happy environment with motivating and enjoyable learning experiences that enable children to become confident and independent. We value the individual child and work alongside parents and others to meet their needs to enable them to reach their full potential. We strive to equip the children with a love of learning and a natural curiosity for the world around them. This summary report highlights some of the enjoyable opportunities and learning experiences that have taken place throughout 2017-18.

Supporting Learning

Communication and Language

Communication and Language is a key area within the early years and we offer daily opportunities for children to improve and develop their communication and language skills. As well as all of the wonderful opportunities that we offer within the learning environment, children identified as requiring additional language support have also had the opportunity to take part in language focus groups. These groups have been run by trained members of staff and have supported all areas of language development. As part of this work we have empowered parents by delivering a series of parent workshops for identified children.

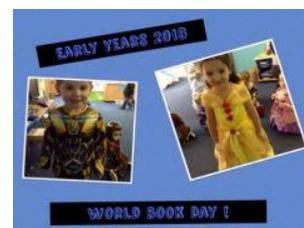


Donating to Charity

Our nursery children decided they wanted to help children who are less fortunate than themselves and as a result donated their own toys to give to Barnardo's Children's Charity. The children brought in toys they no longer wanted from home and Miss Brown took them to a Barnardo's charity shop.

World Book Day

The whole school celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite book characters and doing lots of work based around books. In early years the children took part in various fun and creative reading and writing activities to promote a love of books and of reading and shared their favourite stories with each other.



Snack Café

Based on pupil voice collated at the end of autumn term, the children said that they would like a wider selection of snacks available throughout the day, not just one choice of fruit in the morning. Their suggestions included the option of cereal, toast or crackers and a wider selection of fruits. Following the children's suggestions staff set up an improved snack area in the new year. The new and improved snack area enables children to choose from a wider selection of snacks, with opportunities to prepare and make some of their own.



There is also a washing up area so that children can wash their own plates and cups. Our snack café has been very successful and is an area we will continue to develop further.

Visitors

Children were very lucky to receive a visit from the fire service. The firemen talked to the children about the dangers associated with a fire and how to keep safe. The children had the opportunity to sit in the fire engine.



As part of the summer term topic, 'Journeys', the children had the opportunity for a flight attendant to come into school and talk about her job. She told the children what it is like flying around the world seeing some amazing countries and the children had the opportunity to ask lots of questions.

Loving Week

As part of Loving Week the children enjoyed learning about other cultures and as part of this work they made chapattis and coconut squares and learnt how to speak Spanish. During this week they also took part in a workshop which helped them to use all of their senses to appreciate their wonderful world. They worked with the Wildlife Trust and explored how to love the world, taking a walk outside to appreciate the world around them.



Loving the world around them.

30 Hour Provision

This year saw the introduction of the 30 hours for our nursery children. This meant that all children accessed their 15 hours of nursery in the morning and in addition to this, eligible parents could have an additional 15 hours for their child in the afternoon. For parents not eligible there was the option to pay for the afternoon sessions. This has been very successful and is something we will continue to offer.

Trip to Winter Wonderland

EYFS children had a fantastic day at Telford Winter Wonderland. They enjoyed exploring the different characters and houses in the park, helping Mrs Claus make magical mince pies and most of all meeting Father Christmas. This was a wonderful way to start the festive season and fun was had by all.



Easter Bonnet parade

The children enjoyed lots of Easter events including, attending Easter Mass, an Easter egg hunt and an Easter bonnet parade. The parade was a great success, the children put in so much effort resulting in some absolutely amazing bonnets. Parent and carers were invited to come and watch the parade and applaud all of the great effort that had been made.

EYFS Graduation

Our Reception children had their very own graduation ceremony where parents were invited to come along and watch their child graduate from early years. They all looked smart and grown up in their cap and gown and were proudly presented with a certificate from the head teacher. This was a well-attended ceremony and was followed by a celebration for all in the school hall.

Class of 2018



Parent Partnership

Throughout the year we held a range of meetings and workshops to support parents and inform them about the EYFS curriculum. All of our workshops aimed to help parents to support their child at home. Parents have also had the opportunity to support their child's learning in school.

Welcome to Nursery Workshops

We ran two very successful Welcome to Nursery workshops for parents, to support the transition for their children from home to school. The children had an opportunity to play alongside their teachers and new friends in the early years, whilst parents had the opportunity to meet members of staff, get to know other parents and find out a bit more about early years.



Nursery Rhyme and Storytelling Workshop

We held a Nursery Rhyme and Storytelling workshop for nursery children and their parents. It was a great success and the children enjoyed spending time with their family members singing nursery rhymes and reading stories. It was an opportunity to share the importance of children knowing nursery rhymes and how it can support them when learning to read.



Phonic workshop



We held a very well attended and successful phonic workshop for Reception parents to inform them about how phonics is taught and how they could support their child at home. Feedback from the session was extremely positive with all parents stating that they would now feel more confident in supporting their child at home. Parents had the opportunity to work with the children during the session and see phonics in action.



Shared Reading



Nursery children were joined by their parents for shared reading sessions. The children enjoyed spending time in the classroom with their parents and sharing their favourite books. These were valuable sessions promoting the importance of reading and sharing books.



Christmas Performance

The children confidently performed 'Humph the Camel' for their families. The children's acting skills, singing and behaviour was excellent.

Mother's Day Assembly



The children performed a fabulous assembly all about their mums. They spoke confidently to the audience, sang songs, recited poems and shared their own thoughts about their mums. To complete the assembly, they gave their mums hugs, kisses and a special gift. This was a great celebration enjoyed by all and we saw quite a few happy tears in the room.

RE Workshop



Parents were invited to join the children at our 'May the Month of Mary' workshop. This was an opportunity for parents to find out about some of the wonderful RE work that takes place in early years and a chance for the children to share what they know and can do with their parents. The children enjoyed working with their parents and grandparents creating puppets, flower crowns, writing prayers and reading bible stories. Parents also had the opportunity to watch the children take part in meditation, something the children do daily within the classroom.

Health and Well-Being Workshop

Coach Steve arranged a health and wellbeing workshop for Reception parents and their children. The workshop focus was requested by parents as an area they would appreciate support with. Coach Steve arranged for Dr Ali and Dr Tom to support the delivery of the workshop and parents learnt about healthy eating and how to stay fit and healthy through simple exercise. At the end of the session, parents had the opportunity to ask questions on an individual basis and ask for any further advice to support their child.



After school club

To follow on from the Health and Well-being Workshop, our Reception teacher provided an after school club for Reception children with a focus of 'Physical Fun Activities'. This was supported by one of our parents and was very successful.

Story Time

As part of our aim to support and encourage all children to have a love of reading we invited parents, grandparents and school staff into Reception class to read or tell a story at the end of each day. The children loved hearing a range of stories from staff, mums, dads and grandparents and it quickly became the favourite part of the day. This was a very successful and enjoyable experience for all involved.



Teddy Bears Picnic

As part of transition the new Reception children enjoyed taking part in a teddy bears picnic. It was a great opportunity for the children to get to know their teachers, spend time with their friends and also for parents to meet staff and one another. A great afternoon was had by all.



Early Years children and staff have enjoyed a very successful year with lots of amazing learning opportunities. The year has been made even more successful by the support of our fantastic parents and carers.

Mrs Laura Dolphin
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