



Friday 18th March

This week has been British Science Week which has the theme of Growth. The children have been exploring the many meanings of this with activities such as making cress cups, planting vegetable seeds, measuring each other and reading Jasper's Beanstalk. The children have loved taking the beans out into the sensory garden where they were used in lots of different styles of play. Some were planted, some were moved around the garden in digger trucks and some became part of a magical potion!

The children have been describing their ideas of growing, Freddie said "I grow when I'm asleep" and another child said "I drink my water to grow", there has been lots of talk about eating up lots of vegetables to help us grow, peas and carrots are the firm favourites here!

We have had a busy week in the sensory garden. The children have been clearing beds and pots and have planted lots of seeds. We can't wait to see what grows.

It was time to dig up our science experiment this week. The children put some onions back into the soil a while ago and were very excited to see green shoots appearing. Fast forward a month or so and they were amazed to see the roots when we pulled them up. They were quick to notice the smell of onions too! We have replaced the onions with carrot seeds - so watch this space!

On Wednesday morning, a small group of children were treated to story time with Lila! Lila is a sibling of Wilfred, who currently attends Flying Start, but Lila also left us in the summer to start Reception. We were so impressed with her confidence and excellent reading. Thank you Lila – please again! On Friday morning, the children also had story time with Plamena, Victor's mum. This story was extra special as it was Bulgarian! What a wonderful experience for the children to hear another language. Thank you Plamena. We would love more people to read or sing in another language.

Comic Relief

A big thank you for your donations to Comic Relief.

We raised a total of £41.02.

The children enjoyed a day of dancing, parachute activities and small group games.

Easter Garden

We are excited that Rev. Anne from St Paul's Church is coming to preschool on Monday. She will talk to the children about her role in the community and make a small Easter Garden with some of the older children. If you have any **egg boxes** at home, please could you bring them in on Monday.

Parent and Key Person meetings

w/c 21st and 28th March.

We can offer a face to face ten-minute appointment or a phone meeting if that's easier. The booking form is out now. Please see Michelle or Lizzie to book your appointment with your child's key person.

Term Dates Spring Term 11 weeks

Mon 21st Mar – Rev Anne Visit
Thurs 31st Mar – PJ Drama workshop
End of term - Friday 1st April

Summer Term 13 weeks

Start of term - Tues 19th April –
Half term – Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June
Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May
Wed 29th June – Farm Visit
End of term - Thurs 21st July
<https://www.flyingstartmolesey.com/term-dates>

Baby photos.

Please keep them coming in! The children have loved looking at themselves and their friends. We like to play a guessing game with them.
Some of their little faces haven't changed at all!

Song of the week:

'Mary Mary Quite Contrary'

Makaton this week are:

Big and Small