

Friday 25th February

This week we have explored our creative sides through art, dressing up, singing and creative building. The children took to our makeshift stage to entertain staff with a concert. What a treat! Molly stepped into the role of 'stage manager' and showed some excellent organisational skills...a future events planner in the making maybe?! With an array of costumes and instruments the children performed classics such as 'Wind the bobbin up' and 'Baa baa black sheep.' The wonderful part of this was seeing some of our quieter members of Flying Start joining in and growing in confidence with each song sung. We have explored different art resources and styles such as still life, Kandinsky inspired art and transient art. The children have talked about colour and shape, as they have created their own beautiful pieces of art. We have loved listening to their detailed descriptions and have been impressed with their creative ideas.

A recent addition to our circle time, in our older group, is the Golden Star Cushion. This much coveted star can be won by following the circle time rules such as using good listening ears, putting your hand up if you want to share something and keeping your eyes on the adults. The child who wins the star gets a round of applause and can either sit on the cushion for the remainder of circle time or give it a big squishy cuddle. Understandably, the children can sometimes experience the big feeling of disappointment if they are not picked to receive the cushion. Otilie showed wisdom far beyond her years when she told the group, "*there is always tomorrow*". The children quickly picked up on this wonderful phrase and it has now become our circle time mantra. It's lovely to hear the children say this to each other and to use it as a way to deal with their own emotions.

Home Language Books

Please can those families that speak a language in addition to English at home, fill in the books they were given and return to preschool.

Family Story Time

Before half term we asked for any parents who would be free to come in and read to the children, but we haven't received any offers. The invite is still out there, as the children would love to see their mummies and daddies in preschool. Any offers would be especially welcome next week for Book Week.



All About Me

I popped into preschool today to introduce Reuben to the children. While there, I saw Barney sitting on the sofa, legs crossed, massive smile on his face pretending to read his 'All About Me' book. The children enjoy helping themselves to their books/posters, looking through the photos and sharing them with their friends. If you haven't already, please bring in a little book or a poster with special photos from your child's life. It can be photos of special people, objects and places along with captions.

Term Dates

Spring Term 11 weeks

Wk 28th Mar – Library Visits (3+yrs)
Thurs 3rd Mar – World Book Day (Dress up)
Mon 21st Mar – Rev Anne Visit
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
End of term - Thurs 21st July
<https://www.flyingstartmolesey.com/term-dates>

Song of the week:

"If you're happy and you know it"

Makaton this week

is:

[Sing](#) and [Dance](#)

Value of the Month **Cooperation**

There are many ways to give your child opportunities to practise their teamwork skills at home. You might like to try:

- **Board games** are great for developing important social skills like taking turns, collaboration and compromise.
- **Cooking:** challenge siblings to work together to follow a recipe and bake a cake or even cook dinner.