



## Newsletter Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The learning this week has been linked to Castles, Knights and Dragons. The children have enjoyed building castles with numion, blocks, shaving foam, and giant boxes. They've learnt new vocabulary, such as Portcullis, moat and turret. They've written out some of the words, written invitations and added their own design to a large castle. We had out lots of photos of castles this week from around the UK and the World. It was interesting to see all the different shapes and sizes. This week, we introduced the letter sound 'd' alongside learning capital and lowercase letters and sorting different objects into their initial sound. Outside, the children built confidence and risk taking with our assault course for the Knights, performed a puppet show, built forts and washed the dragons.

Happy Mother's Day for Sunday, we hope you like your cards.

Our theme next week is Science.

### New website (still a few bits to finish)

Here you will find fees, term dates and other handy information. I'm still updating policies.

<https://www.childrensworkshopmolesey.co.uk/>

### Testimonials

I would love to add some testimonials to the website. If you would like to email me a few sentences to add to the website, that would be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance for the flurry of lovely emails!!

At my last Manager Network meeting we were asked to share some information with our families.

### Sleep

Here is a link to the NHS website for advice on Healthy Sleep for children.

<https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/services/sleep>

### MMR Vaccine

During 2023 there was a resurgence of measles in England and worldwide. Coverage of MMR vaccine in UK is the lowest in a decade:

- National 1st dose uptake in 2 year olds 89.4%, 2nd dose in 5 years old 83.8%
- National target is 95% uptake of 2 doses of the MMR vaccine by age 5

I have attached a leaflet with more information on the MMR, please check your child's red book/GP to make sure all their vaccinations are up to date.

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### Important Dates

#### Spring 2

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief (Wear Red)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Fire Engine Visit

#### Summer 1

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Farm at Flying Start  
Preschool  
Closed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May for Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### Summer 2

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

### Comic Relief on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

If the children would like, they can come to preschool dressed in something red or a red nose day item to raise money for comic relief.

### Fire Engine

We are super excited to share that a fire engine will be visiting us on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10:30am. They are an active team, so if they are called to an emergency, we will re-schedule for another date.

Each child will be taken out to see the fire engine and fire fighters in small groups. If your child doesn't usually attend on a Thursday, you may bring your child along between 10:30 and 11:15am. (Please be prepared that they may be late or called out)