

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2025

IMPORTANT DATES -

1ST MARCH - ST DAVIDS DAY

4TH MARCH - Pancake Day

6TH MARCH - WORLD BOOK DAY DRESS UP

17TH MARCH - ST PATRICKS DAY

28TH MARCH - Wear a Hat Day

30TH MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY + BST BEGINS!

Green Night -

5TH MARCH 4-6PM - **SHENSTONE**

18TH MARCH 4-6PM - **REDBRICK**

Parent Workshop -

17TH APRIL 10-11AM - **SHENSTONE**

17TH APRIL 10-11AM - **REDBRICK**

FEBRUARY STAFF TRAINING -

FOETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME - CHARL B

MEDICAL AWARENESS - SAM, ELLIE

INTIMATE CARE - EMMA

SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 - CHARON

MANAGING ALLEGATIONS - CHARL S

AWARENESS OF SIGN LANGUAGE - WENDY

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION - ALISSIA

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH - ALEX

SAFE SLEEPING COURSE - VERITY

SCHEMAS - JADE, GEMMA, ALEKS, LYDIA, SARAH, VICKY

Karate & Forest School -

DOLPHINS+ AND PRESCHOOL ABSOLUTELY LOVED THEIR FOREST SCHOOL TASTER SESSION IN FEBRUARY WITH WELLIE TOTS! THIS WILL BE STARTING WEEKLY FROM MARCH, ON A WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. DOLPHINS AND PARROTS WILL BE ONE WEEK, DOLPHINS+ AND PRESCHOOL THE NEXT!

KARATE IS ALSO SET TO START IN MARCH! THIS WILL BE HELD ON A MONDAY MORNING FOR PRESCHOOL.



OFSTED -

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT WHILST SHENSTONE HAD OFSTED ON THE 12TH OF FEBRUARY!

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO TELL YOU THIS WENT WELL, HOWEVER WE CANNOT SHARE THE OFFICIAL GRADING YET AS THE REPORT HAS NOT GONE LIVE.

WE WILL BE SENDING THIS ON BLOSSOM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SENT US COMMENTS TO PASS ON TO OUR INSPECTOR AND TO ALL OF THE STAFF WHO CAME TO HELP!

STAFF WELLBEING WEEK -

DURING THE LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY, BOTH SETTINGS TOOK PART IN A STAFF WELLBEING WEEK. WE DO THIS TO SHOW OUR STAFF HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE TO US AND GIVE THEM SOME ENCOURAGEMENT IN THEIR DAILY WORK LIFE!

Monday - Gave out 15-MINUTE TOKENS, STAFF COLOURING, POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS

Tuesday - STAFF BREAKFAST

Wednesday - FRUIT PLATTER

Thursday - Tea + BISCUITS, OFFICE OPEN DOOR

Friday - GIFT GIVING, QUIZ NIGHT



REDBRICK LIBRARY -

UNFORTUNATELY, REDBRICKS LIBRARY WAS DESTROYED IN A RECENT STORM 😞.

WE ARE WORKING HARD TO GET THIS RESTORED, BUT PLEASE BEAR WITH US WHILST WE DO SO. THIS WILL BE LOCATED INSIDE NOW, SO PLEASE ASK A MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BORROW A BOOK.

IF YOU HAVE ANY BOOKS SUITABLE FOR 0-2S, WE WOULD LOVE TO OFFER THEM A NEW HOME AND WOULD BE REALLY GRATEFUL IF YOU'D CONSIDER US!

SHENSTONE LIBRARY & STORY SACKS -

SHENSTONE'S LIBRARY IS UP AND RUNNING AS USUAL! THIS IS INSIDE, SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE IT, PLEASE ASK A MEMBER OF STAFF TO LET YOU IN!

STORY SACKS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AND LOCATED IN A CUPBOARD OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE. PLEASE HELP YOURSELVES AND RETURN THEM TO A MEMBER OF STAFF WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE PICTURES OF YOUR CHILDREN USING BOTH OF THESE, IF YOU COULD PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO [KIRSTYSLITTLETREASURES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kirstyslittletreasures@gmail.com)

FOODBANK -

WE HAVE BEEN VERY LUCKY TO HAVE HAD 2 BIG FOOD DONATIONS FROM ASDA FOR OUR FOODBANK OUTSIDE SHENSTONE! THESE HAVE GONE DOWN REALLY WELL WITH THE COMMUNITY, IT IS GREAT TO SEE HOW MUCH WE ARE HELPING PEOPLE.

ON THAT NOTE...WE ARE RUNNING LOW! IF YOU COULD DONATE ANYTHING AT ALL TO OUR FOODBANK, WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL. THIS COULD BE LONG LIFE FOOD, TOILETRIES, BABY SUPPLIES ETC.

WE HAVE GOT A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR OUR FOODBANK, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FOLLOW US AND SHARE OUR FOOD JOURNEY...

FACEBOOK - KIRSTY'S LITTLE TREASURES FOODBANK

HOME LINK SLIPS -

WE ARE STARTING TO SEND HOME SOME HOME LINK SLIPS WITH YOUR CHILDREN AT SHENSTONE. THIS HELPS US KNOW WHAT NEXT STEPS TO WORK ON, TO MAKE SURE WE ARE REFLECTING WHAT YOU ARE DOING AT HOME. THIS ALSO HELPS US WITH THE CHILDREN'S CURRENT INTERESTS, SO WE CAN MAKE THEM FEEL MORE AT HOME DURING NURSERY TIME!

Parents evening -

SLOTS FOR PARENTS EVENING ARE BOOKING UP FAST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE BOOKED IN WITH YOUR CHILD'S KEY PERSON, PLEASE DROP US A MESSAGE WITH YOUR PREFERRED DATE AND TIME, SLOTS ARE AVAILABLE EVERY 15 MINUTES...

REDBRICK - 10TH/25TH MARCH 6:30-8:15PM

SHENSTONE - 17TH/25TH MARCH 6:30-8:15PM

Reviews -

WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD TAKE A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO REVIEW US ON DAY NURSERIES! IN 2024, WE WON AN AWARD FOR THE TOP 20 DAY NURSERIES IN THE WEST MIDLANDS! WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT, SO A HUGE THANK YOU AGAIN.

LINK TO REVIEW: [HTTPS://WWW.DAYNURSERIES.CO.UK/REVIEW-SUBMIT/6543211069/rCSID/1012/](https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/review-submit/6543211069/rCSID/1012/)

REDBRICK FOREST SCHOOL -

WE ARE HOPING TO START REVAMPING REDBRICKS FOREST SCHOOL IN MARCH! I WILL ADD SOME PICS BELOW OF IDEAS WE HAVE. IF YOU COULD HELP US OUT WITH FINDING THE RESOURCES FOR THESE, OR EVEN MAKING SOME BITS, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL!



MUSIC SESSIONS WITH CREATIVE FLAIR -

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IN MARCH, OCTOPUS* AND TURTLES WILL BEGIN WEEKLY MUSIC SESSIONS WITH ISABELLE AT CREATIVE FLAIR! THIS WILL BE HELD ON A WEDNESDAY MORNING, TERM-TIME ONLY. ROOMS WILL ALTERNATE EACH WEEK.

THE CHILDREN ABSOLUTELY LOVED THE TRIAL SESSION, SO IT WAS ONLY RIGHT FOR US TO CONTINUE THIS GOING FORWARDS!

ISABELLE HOLDS A FULL DBS CHECK. THE SESSIONS WILL INVOLVE SINGING, DANCING AND USING DIFFERENT MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

LINK TO THEIR WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.CREATIVEFLAIRKIDS.COM/](http://www.creativeflairkids.com/)

REDBRICK -

Please can we ask that you always bring in shoes and a coat for your children? We are starting to go outside lots now, so would really like all children to be involved!

If you haven't already, please could you send us some family photos for your children? These go in little books for the children to look at during the day.

Please could we ask that you return your home links as soon as possible. These really help us with our planning!

STARFISH -

Our topic for March is Spring. Please could you create a Spring masterpiece for our display board?

OCTOPUS' -

Our topic for March is The Hungry Caterpillar. Please could you create us a picture for our display? Alternatively, please send us a picture of your child reading the book at home if you have it!

TURTLES -

Our topic for March is 'People Who Help Us'. Please could you create us a poster of this for our display? If anyone has any contacts of emergency workers in the community, please get in touch! We would love if they can visit us! Please could you also send us 1 family photo of your child for our family tree display?

Turtles Dress Up Day for 'People Who Help Us' - 24th March

If your child is due to move to Shenstone soon, you will have been contacted about an 'open evening'. This will be held on the 11th of March between 5 and 6pm. This is an opportunity for you to see your child's new room, meet the team and ask us any questions you may have! If you are attending, please drop us a message with what time to expect you 😊.

DOLPHINS -

In March, our topics will be Numbers & Colours.

Please could you send us some family photos for our photo book?

W/C 10th March - Colour Week!

Monday - Red

Tuesday - Blue

Wednesday - Green

Thursday - Yellow

Please feel free to dress in these colours if you want to!



DOLPHINS+ -

Our topic for March is Transport. We will also be incorporating Pancake Day, Mother's Day and Lent.

Homework - Please could you send us some pictures of you designing your own pancakes?



Parrots -

OUR TOPIC FOR MARCH IS STORIES.

Homework - Please can you send us a picture of you reading your favourite book to talk about at circle time?

Please let us know what your favourite pancake toppings are?

Friday 28th March - Pyjama Day (Movie/Story Day)

Please remember to bring in wetsuits and wellies for Wellie Tots every Wednesday! These can be kept at nursery if you need.

If you are bringing toys into nursery from home, please can you make sure they are labelled? They often go missing or get mistaken for nursery toys! If you could avoid bringing them in that would be great but we understand some children need comforts so if you do bring them, they must be labelled.

Preschool -

OUR TOPICS FOR MARCH ARE SCIENCE AND SPRING. WE WILL ALSO BE CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY, ST PATRICK'S DAY, PANCAKE DAY AND WORLD BOOK DAY.

Tuesday 18th March - Spa Day (Please wear PJs)

Please can you make sure we have spare clothes for your children? Even if your child is toilet trained, we still do lots of messy and outdoor play which can warrant an outfit change! We can keep these at nursery in your child's draw or they can be sent in daily in their bags.

On that note...if you have any clothes ages 3-4 that you no longer need, please could we be considered? We are running very low on nursery spares for the older children.

