



15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated British Science Week and the theme was 'Time'. Time is key to so many discoveries in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. At school our little scientists are hard at work making observations and asking questions about the world. Our Nursery children had first-hand experience of lifecycles with the hatching of the chicks, which taught them to look closely and observe change over time. Our KS1 children have also been looking at change over time by learning about seasons and observing plants. Our Year 1 children visited Bushey Rose Gardens this week as part of this seasonal change learning and were able to spot signs of spring such as flowers growing, blossom budding and butterflies and bees returning.



'Curious Learners' – what we learn

Please click on the link below to have a peek at some of the wonderful learning that has taken place in your child's classroom this week:

<https://merryhill.org.uk/our-learning-community/year-group-blogs/>

'Collaborative Learners' – our place in the world

Today marks the return of Comic Relief (Red Nose Day). In assembly this week, we spent some time talking to the children about the purpose of Comic Relief and how it has raised over £1.5 billion pounds since it began 39 years ago. We also shared where the charity money goes to and how it not only helps people in the UK but around the world through thousands of charities. The children spent some time reflecting on just how difficult it is for some families at the moment and how Comic Relief is helping those in need. We also spoke about Sir Lenny Henry and how much he has contributed towards this charity and the many people and families he has helped. This year marks his very last show for Comic Relief!



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Cost of Living

Every week, we aim to feature a suggestion for a free (or inexpensive) family activity that you can enjoy together. If anyone has any tips or ideas of free or inexpensive activities you would like to share with our community, please let the office know. I hope you find these activities enjoyable and valuable for quality time together.

Spring Scavenger Hunt

Spring is a time of new growth and an exciting season to observe change. Fresh green growth pushing through the soil, bumblebees making an appearance and bluebells creating a stunning blue carpet in woodlands. Attached to this week's email are a few different spring scavenger hunts to choose from. We hope you enjoy them.



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely

Ms Melissa Adams
Headteacher

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Spring scavenger hunt

Can you find these signs of spring? Tick the box if you see them.

Daffodils A yellow, trumpet-shaped flower. <input type="checkbox"/>		Blossom A pink or white flower found on trees. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ladybird A red insect with black spots. <input type="checkbox"/>		A nest Nests hold eggs and baby birds. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Bluebells A purple/blue, bell-shaped flower. <input type="checkbox"/>		A feather Feathers come from birds. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Tadpoles They have small bodies and long tails. <input type="checkbox"/>		Daisies A small, white and yellow flower. <input type="checkbox"/>	
A spider They have eight legs and make webs. <input type="checkbox"/>		A puddle Puddles are made from rainwater. <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Spring Hunt Checklist

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blossom

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seedling

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flower bud

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flower

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daffodil

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insect

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bird

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lamb

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nest

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green leaf

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SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

Look around for these spring items and animals. When you spot one, take a photograph and tick it off your list.

Who can find them all?

<p>Something yellow</p> 	<p>A spring flower</p> 	<p>A bird</p> 	<p>Something red</p> 
<p>A flying insect</p> 	<p>A nest</p> 	<p>3 different shaped leaves</p> 	<p>Buds on a tree</p> 
<p>A new plant poking through the soil</p> 	<p>Something that crawls</p> 	<p>A spider web</p> 	<p>Something that smells nice</p> 
<p>Something bumpy</p> 	<p>A puddle</p> 	<p>A feather</p> 	<p>Animal tracks or footprints</p> 

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FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

We are pleased to bring you the details of **9 online** courses starting in April and June, as well as 1 **face to face** group.

Each course runs over 6 weekly sessions and is offered **FREE** of charge to parents thanks to funding from Herts County Council:

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Talking Dads (2 online courses)
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SEN SOFT PLAY @ FURZEFIELD

For SEND Children up to 11 years old

PRE BOOKING REQUIRED

(Reduced capacity: limited to 40 children)



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Mutton Lane
Potters Bar
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