

## Happy Spring!

Well, I cannot believe we are entering the end of March already, it feels like the year is whizzing by.

One thing we will all be grateful for however is lighter mornings and evenings and some spring sunshine! If you are going out and about for walks, we have included below a Spring checklist to see what signs of Spring you can spot.

Please let us know what you find by posting photos on Tapestry, we love to see photos from days at home.

As always, we are very grateful for all your positive feedback and comments, as well as your continued support.

## Staff News



We officially welcome Elisha! Most of you would have already seen Elisha, and maybe feeling a little confused what I am talking about. Elisha has been a long-term student with us, and she has been working as Bank Staff alongside completing her BA degree. I am absolutely delighted to announce that from May Elisha will be staying full time with us as an Early Years Practitioner. Elisha is wonderful with the children and will be a great asset to the Hatchling team.



We also welcome Alisha to the team as a full time Early Years Practitioner! Alisha started with us as a university student a month ago and it was clear from her very first day that she has a lovely caring and nurturing nature with the children. Alisha is currently studying for a Foundation Degree in Early Years and we are looking forward to supporting her through her course whilst she works full time for Poppins. Alisha will be spending her time across both rooms to gain as much experience as possible.



And last but not least we have employed Eris, our Nursery apprentice. Eris left school and wanted to embark on a course at Art college before deciding that was not the career path she wanted to pursue. Instead, she decided her heart lay with shaping children's futures and improving outcomes for children in early years. We will be supporting Eris in her level 3 course as well as her professional development. As part of Eris' apprenticeship, she will learn everything with our support and guidance.

## Parent Review Meetings

Our parent review meetings are a priority for us here at Poppins, and we thank you for giving your time for these. They are a fantastic way of your key person building a relationship with you, as well as sharing all the wonderful things your child is learning at home and Nursery. Please do try to book an appointment with your key person on one of these days. Here are our future dates for your diary.

### • **The Hatchlings** –

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### • **The Nestlings** –

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

### Future Stay and Play Dates

Once a month we open our doors for a stay and play, which is a wonderful opportunity to come and have a play with your child in Nursery. This helps children feel secure in their nursery environment, helps form attachments and allows parents to see what happens behind that black front door!

Here are our future dates, we would love for you to join us!

All sessions are 2.30-3.30pm

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April** - Join us for our Physical Enrichment

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Join us for our Cultural Enrichment

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Join us for our Forest School Enrichment

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** - Join us for our Cooking Enrichment

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August** - Join us for our Mindfulness Enrichment

If you are out on a spring walk one day soon, use this chart to spot some signs of spring!

#### Spring Hunt Checklist



### Tapestry

Just a polite reminder to please check Tapestry regularly for updates. We try to be quite eco-conscious of how much paper we are printing which is why we use Tapestry as a communication method to share letters, important dates and newsletters.

Also we love to hear from parents on Tapestry, to see photos of things you do at home so please do remember to share and make comments. This is really important as it tells us what your child is interested at home, which we use as a starting point for their learning at Poppins.

Thank you for your support.

### King Charles Coronation

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May we will be hosting an additional stay and play to celebrate King Charles' Coronation. Please join us in the Nursery garden (hopefully) for a party, 2.00-4.00pm.

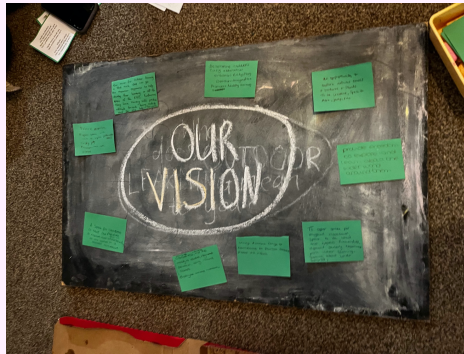
Further details to follow via Tapestry nearer the time.



## Staff Continuous Professional Development

I shared with you all of the additional training the staff will be completing from January through to March, and there certainly was a lot! I would like to share my thanks to the staff team for her continuous hard work and dedication to their role and their professional development.

I would also like to give a special thank you to Zoë and Caitlin for preparing a training course for the whole staff team in February. This course was about the importance of outdoor play in Early Years, and they did very well. Well done ladies 😊



And we have much more planned over the next couple of months;

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Christine will be attending “Role of Senco”

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Eris will attend her first remote learning session for her level 3 (these take place every month)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Whole staff meeting with a training focus of learning about Operation Encompass

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Elisha will be completing her paediatric first aid

## Millie Update



Millie has settled in beautifully to the Poppins family and it is so lovely to hear the children ask for her, already you can hear in their voices how much they care for her. Millie has started her puppy school classes, and already learning key skills such as sit, to take food from our hands nicely, walking on a lead (working progress 😊) and to leave.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their consent forms, once we have all of these returned, we can start planning for the children to have nurture time with Millie and planned daily walks. If you need another consent form, please just ask the team and we can get one printed for you.

As a reminder, the policy and risk assessment are on Tapestry for your reference.

### Polite Reminders

Can we please ask all parents to please ensure they provide wipes for children that require nappy changes and please ensure all clothing/milk bottles/wellingtons and anything else they require are named. This is to avoid items going missing, being taken home by mistake (we often see the same styles of tops) and hopefully all items can be returned to the right child. Thank you.

## Update on Marion's recovery

We are still in weekly contact with Marion and pleased to report her recovery is going well. Her cast has now been removed, she has a bit more movement now and able to walk with a boot. She will be seeing a physiotherapist over the coming weeks to help support her recovery.

The children have been able to see and speak to Marion over zoom which was lovely to see. We continue to wish her all the best and she has promised to visit as soon as she has the doctors clearance.

## Stay and Play

Thank you to everyone to come to our cooking enrichment stay and play this month, it was lovely to see you all. Stay and plays offer a really special time to connect with the team and learn about our curriculum. Can we however please remind everyone of some of the rules we have to apply to keep children safe. If you have a mobile phone with you please can we ask these stay in your pockets or bags. Can we also please ask that visitors, including parents, don't go into the children's toilets. A member of staff will be more than happy to help your child instead. Thank you for your understanding.

Here are some photos of the lovely invitations to play where the children learnt about Vegetables.

