



## News letter February 2025

### Staff news

We would like to congratulate Emily on passing her driving test for the first time.

It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying goodbye to two of our staff this month. Both Kate (Acorns room leader) and Ghousia (lunch cover) have decided to pursue a new challenge elsewhere. We would like to thank both for their hard work and dedication whilst working at Tiny Oaks Day Nursery. We would like to wish both all the success for the future, they will be missed dearly by all the staff and especially the children.

We are celebrating a few staff birthdays in March. Join us in wishing Kate, Mini, Bex and Tracey a Happy Birthday!

### Room updates

We are delighted to inform you that our nursery building has recently undergone a fresh transtomation! The entire building has been repainted, creating a brighter and more welcoming enviroment for your child/ren

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you and your child/ren enjoy the new enviroment.

### Reminder to Parents

Breakfast starts at 7.45am and finishes at 8.45am if you would like your child to have breakfast, please can we make sure that you arrive before breakfast finishes.

Due to the current cold weather there are lots of illnesses and bugs going around please can we remind you that if your child is ill to keep them at home to prevent the spread of illness to other children and staff as we do not want to be forced to close any rooms.

If your child has been given over the counter or prescribed medication, please can we make sure you give it to them 24 hours before returning to nursery and complete a medication form.

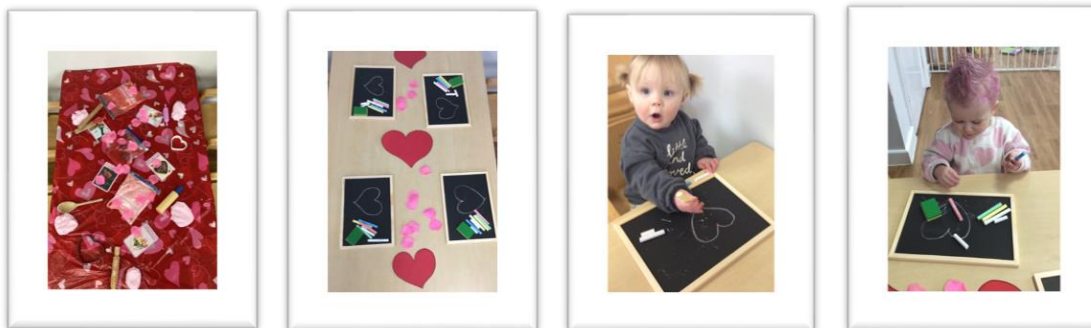
### Upcoming events

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March Pancake Day
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day - dress up as one of your favourite books/characters
- Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March Science week-
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March Holi & International colour day- wear a colour of your choice
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March St Patricks Day & Oral health week- send us a picture of your child brushing their teeth at home so we can show at circle time
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March Red Nose Day-
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day Coffee morning - please email for your preferred day

## Saplings room

We will be using the notice board at the top of the stairs for our topic board. This will be updated regularly with our weekly topics we are working on. On the other notice board in the corridor, we will have our nursery rhyme of the month.

We have kicked off the month with all thing's valentines. Saplings have enjoyed Rose scented moon dough. We have been using our hands to manipulate the dough and even used heart shaped cutters to make heart shapes in the play dough. As you will have all received your valentine cards, the children have had fun painting their feet and making cards for their loved ones.

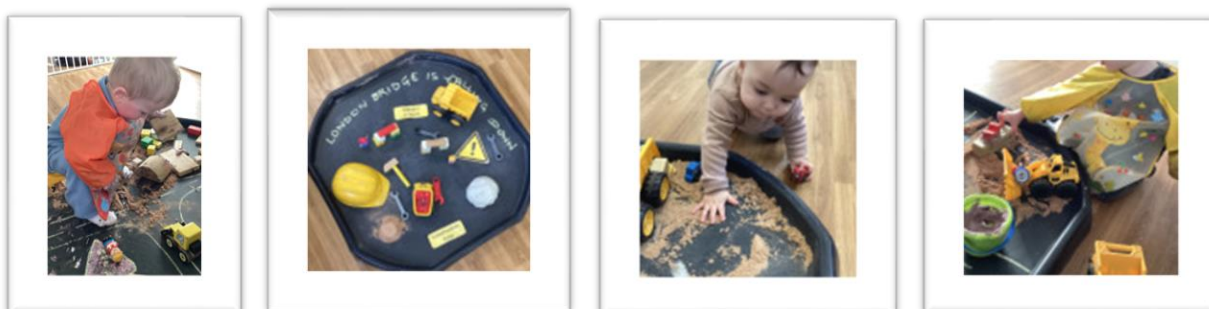


We have been mark making using colored chalks of different sizes. The children have been practicing using pincher grips to hold different mark making materials.

We have been practicing our numbers with number songs including "1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive" and using our sensory number fish to catch the fish in our imaginary fishpond.



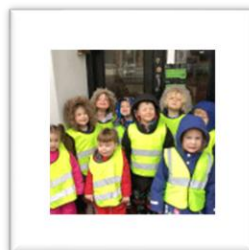
This week it is engineering week, and we have created a tuff tray with all thing's construction. We used moon dough and cement and built a wall with our wooden blocks.



This week Saplings have been learning a different sign at meal times "finished" they are all doing extremely well and will be carrying this on for another week.

## Acorns School leavers Room news

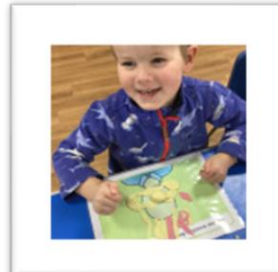
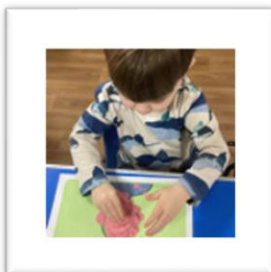
### Outings



Acorns took a trip out in to Edenbridge high street and looked at the different restaurants that are around and picked up some menus to bring back to nursery to share with their friends at circle time. They spoke about different foods that they liked and what country the foods were from.

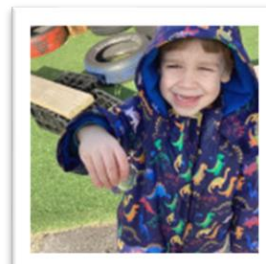
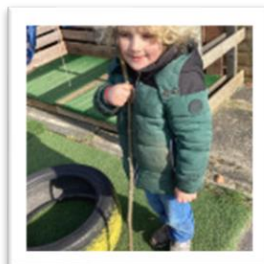
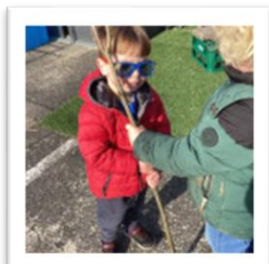
### Emotions

Acorns have been speaking about different emotions during their circle time this month and have discussed how somethings can make others happy, sad or angry. They have been busy doing a variety of activities around emotions such as decorating biscuits with raisins to make smiley faces, playing with playdough to make faces and coloured in emotion pictures. Acorns have been looking at the story the colour monster this month and have enjoyed sorting the colour monsters feelings out in to the right jars as a group.



### Garden fun

Whilst playing in the garden the children noticed some ice that was in a tuff tray. As they explored, they engage with the textures, shapes and changes of ice, sparking curiosity about how it melts and transforms, whether they're hunting for treasures or simply feeling the coolness on their hands. They also enjoyed using different sized sticks to measure each other and objects around them.



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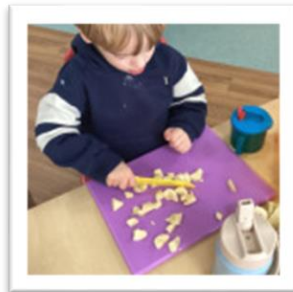
### Valentine's crafts

This Valentines the children have been busy spreading love and joy! They have made colorful heart shaped pictures for their loved ones. They have used their fine motor skills to cut out different textures, experimented with different colors in the tuff trays and made some yummy biscuits to eat for their pudding at teatime.



### Cutting fruit for snack

Acorns have had fun learning how to cut their own snack! With little hands holding safe child friendly knives they carefully cut up their own fruit, practicing their fine motor skills and building independence. It was a moment of pride as they enjoyed the fruits.



### Messy play

Messy play with dinosaurs is an exciting and imaginative activity for the children they mixed different color paints and made marks whilst playing with the Animals. After all the fun, the cleanup begins! Washing the animas with water becomes its own sensory experience, as acorns scrub and rinse away the mess, bringing their toys back to life. It's the perfect combination of creativity and learning

