



# Dunkys Day Nursery

March, April Newsletter

## Room Updates

### Babies and Tots Room

In March and April, we are going to be exploring;

Rotating Schema and Transporting Schema

- Spring, Mud play, Textures, Planting, and farm animals.
- Our families, reflections, facial features, and Baking.

### Toddler Room

In March and April, we will be exploring;

- Spring, insects, life cycle of a butterfly, exploring fruits and balancing.
- Body parts, matching. Sequencing, Adult animals and baby animals. Pets and ways to move our body.

### Preschool Room

In March and April, we are going to be exploring

- Spring
- Our earth
- Insects
- The solar system
- Life cycle of a chicken
- Pets
- The parts of a flower
- Birds
- On the farm
- The life cycle of a butterfly
- Gymnastics
- Music and movement

## Office updates

### Notice

Please can all parents bring in 2 sachets of Calpol please, we are not able to hold spares so if you don't have any with us on file we won't be able to give it and children will have to be collected.

Thankyou

Welcome to our new families that have joined or are joining Dunkys throughout March & April

Our Parent Partnership reps are.

Darren (Dad from Toddler room)

Hannah (Mum from Baby room)

Lisa-Marie (Mum from Preschool)

We hold our meeting annually to discuss moving the nursery forwards, bringing ideas for activities, fundraising events etc If you would like one of our parent reps to bring an idea or have an item to discuss with the management team, please feel free to contact them. There contact details will be displayed for you within reception.

Many thanks, Joanna (Nursery Manager)

### Dunkys Team Spotlight Welcome

We are so pleased to introduce Jade to the team. Jade started with us as part of our bank team in January and has recently been employed as a nursery.



assistant. Jade has shown a fantastic ability to learn, so much passion for enhancing children's learning, empathy and understanding. Jade has already built lovely bonds with the children. Jade has her own daughter who attends the nursery. Jade is excited to become a keyperson and support a group of our Dunkys children.

# Family

**Could we please ask all parents to be uploading observations/photos onto Family of any fun things you do at home, pets, family members, experiences, new achievements, celebrations etc. We believe the holistic approach is paramount and this helps us to achieve this open consistent communication between home and nursery. If you are unsure how to do it please show a member of staff your logged in Family in the entrance and we should be able to navigate it with you.**

## Julies Recipes -

### Banana & Chocolate chip muffins

#### Ingredients

200g Marg, 220g Brown Sugar, 4 Eggs, 200g SR Flour, 50g Cocoa Powder, 2 Mashed Bananas, ½ Cup Chocolate chips

#### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180c gas mark 6
2. In a bowl mix together margarine and sugar until creamy and smooth.
3. Add in eggs and whisk.
4. Add in mashed banana, flour and cocoa powder. Fold in until all combined. Add in chocolate chips.
5. Add a large spoon into paper cases on baking tray and bake for around 15 minutes until firm
6. Cool and dust with Icing Sugar



## The Childcare Choices

The Childcare Choices website : [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family. This could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare.

## Toilet Training

You may want to introduce sitting on the potty as part of your child's normal day when they're around 18 months to 2 years. Some people choose to start earlier. Try potty training when there are no great disruptions or changes to your child's or your family's routine. It's important to stay consistent, so you do not confuse your child. Some people find it easier to start in the summer, when there are fewer clothes to take off and washed clothes dry more quickly. If you go out, take the potty with you, so your child understands that you'd like them to wee or poo in the potty every time they need to go. Check that any other people who look after your child can help with potty training in the same way as you. You can try to work out when your child is ready. There are a number of signs that your child is starting to develop bladder control:

- they know when they've got a wet or dirty nappy
- they get to know when they're weeing and may tell you they're doing it
- the gap between wetting is at least an hour (if it's less, potty training may fail, and at the very least will be extremely hard work for you)
- they show they need to pee by fidgeting or going somewhere quiet or hidden
- they know when they need to pee and may say so in advance

Potty training is usually fastest if your child is at the last stage before you start the training. If you start earlier, be prepared for a lot of accidents as your child learns.

They also need to be able to sit on the potty and get up from it when they're done, and follow your instructions.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development/potty-training-and-bedwetting/how-to-potty-train/>



## Dunkys Easter Bingo – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – tickets on sale now

Dunkys easter raffle, raffle tickets on sale now. £1 per strip

We welcome any donations for our easter bingo and easter raffle. All money collected is donated to our charity of the year, Childrens adventure farm trust.

Many thanks for your continued support everyone at Dunkys.



## Could we please ask kindly...

We would be so grateful if you could leave us a review on;

[www.daynurseries.co.uk](http://www.daynurseries.co.uk) \_ Dunky's Runcorn

[www.google.co.uk](http://www.google.co.uk), type in Dunkys Day Nursery Runcorn. When you begin to scroll, on the right hand side you will see an option to click 'leave a review'

[www.daynurseries.co.uk](http://www.daynurseries.co.uk) - change the search bar to search by name, search Dunkys, click our Runcorn site and click on reviews in the right corner.