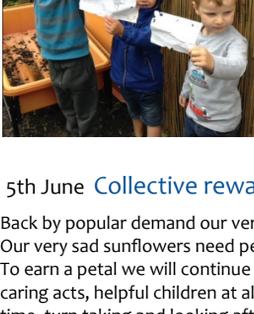


Our sharing diary

5th June **Imminent arrival !**



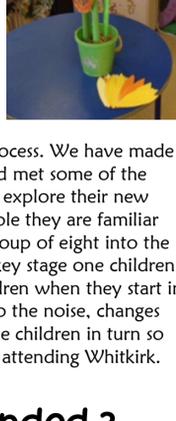
Ethan brought over a scrap of paper he had found in our garden. There's lot's of chatter amongst the children about the writing on it. "It's a secret letter" Thomas says. Karen asked the children to think about what it could say, "The aliens are coming" James said loudly. Before long everyone is chanting 'The aliens are coming, the aliens are coming' as they run around the garden. They find other pieces of paper and this builds up the excitement. Many of our children are showing lots of interest in the aliens arrival, they have already posted letters asking them to visit and watched video footage of their last visit, two years ago. Throughout the day the children continue to ask 'Where are they' and 'Are they coming after lunch'. Thomas makes a map and hangs it on the fence to help them find their way to us.

5th June **Collective rewards**

Back by popular demand our very last collective rewards for the year. Our very sad sunflowers need petals to make them look beautiful. To earn a petal we will continue to be looking out for kind hands, caring acts, helpful children at all times of the day particularly tidy up time, turn taking and looking after our toys.

When our sunflowers are full of petals our reward this time will be a Teddy bears picnic.

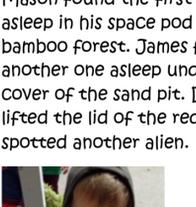
Good luck everyone.



7th June **School visits**

This week we have started our transition process. We have made short visits into the reception classrooms and met some of the teachers. This is a chance for the children to explore their new surroundings while staying close to the people they are familiar with. We have also started taking a small group of eight into the lunch hall to eat their packed lunches with key stage one children. All these new experiences will help the children when they start in September as they will already be familiar to the noise, changes and layout of areas. We will be taking all the children in turn so everyone gets a chance even if they are not attending Whitkirk.

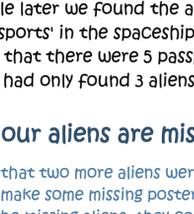
7th June **The Aliens have landed ?**



The children spotted the footprints on the playground when they went out to play today. They began to follow the footsteps across to the garden area and James looked up and spotted the spaceship, which had landed on top of the tunnel area of the slide. They climbed up the steps and looked inside the space ship. "There`s no one inside !" they told me.



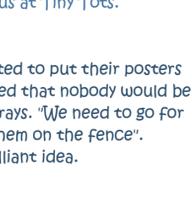
They began to look around to try find where the aliens had gone. Mason found the first alien asleep in his space pod in the bamboo forest. James found another one asleep under the cover of the sand pit. Daniel lifted the lid of the red tray and spotted another alien.



I carefully lifted the spaceship down so the children could have a closer look inside.

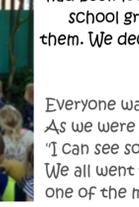


A little while later we found the alien`s `space passports` in the spaceship and discovered that there were 5 passports but we had only found 3 aliens !



Some of our aliens are missing !

We discovered that two more aliens were missing, Alagazoo and Freon. We decided to make some missing posters with our phone number on so if anyone found the missing aliens, they could ring us at Tiny Tots.



Some of the children wanted to put their posters in their trays. Tori explained that nobody would be able to see them in their trays. "We need to go for a walk" said Ivy and "put them on the fence". Tori agreed that was a brilliant idea.

The hunt for the aliens

The following day we had a very important job to do. Tori gathered everybody together for a meeting to discuss our plan for putting up posters for the missing aliens. We had been looking in all the areas of the school grounds but hadn't found them. We decided they must be outside the school grounds so that was where we needed to go!



Everyone was super sensible, helping to put up the missing posters. As we were walking past the bushes someone shouted stop. "I can see something yellow in the trees" We all went to find out what it was and we were very happy to find one of the missing space pods with an alien tucked safely inside.

We decided to explore further to see if we could find the last one, everyone was involved in the search and just as we thought we weren't going to find it we spotted the space pod stuck in the shrubs with the last alien safe inside. What a relief to have all the aliens safe at Tiny Tots. Well done everyone.

11th June **The Ice cream Parlour**



The Travel Shop has now changed into an Ice cream Parlour. James and his friends were enjoying playing together in the Ice cream Parlour. He waited for his turn in the queue then said "I'd like an ice cream, chocolate and strawberry flavour please". "That's £5 please" Mason replied holding his hand out for the money. Some children chose to sit at the table to be served their ice creams.

Karen gave some of the children a clipboard each and asked them to ask their friends which ice cream they liked the most. Thomas asked almost everyone in the room and made a mark on the paper under their choice.

He was able to tell Karen which was the overall favourite and which was the least by adding up the marks that he had made.

18th June **"The Wish Tree"**



This year we are asking parents to look at our 'Wish tree' again if they are wanting to give us a 'thank you' gift at the end of the year. Each leaf has an idea for an item we could use such as items for the craft area or even some second hand toys.

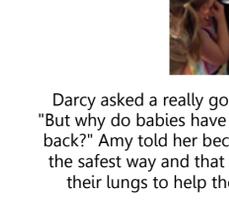
Please take the time to look at me, for I am the 'Wish Tree'.
Choose a leaf with us in mind.
Tiny Tots value you being so kind.
Big or small we appreciate it all.
THANK YOU.

18th June **'Stay and Play Football'**

Today we hosted another of our 'Stay and Play' sessions but this one was especially for the Dads to celebrate Father's Day. Quite a lot of the dads were able to come to watch their children and Mums were welcome as well. The children demonstrated their ball skills that they have developed over the past few weeks. Then everyone was treated to one of our epic football matches!



21st June **We've got baby frogs !**



When the children were checking on the tadpoles today to see how they were developing, we noticed that we had a few tadpoles that had changed into baby frogs. Now it is time to take them to their new home in the pond in the school grounds.

The container was carried very carefully to the pond area and the children watched as it's contents were tipped gently into the pond.

The children called out 'bye-bye' to the tadpoles as they disappeared out of sight.



22nd June **"Call the Midwife !"**



Today we had a visit from a former pupil Amy, she is in her first year training to be a midwife. Amy came for a visit because of the huge interest in babies this year. The children welcomed Amy many showing off their bumps!

Amy measured their tummies and position of baby. If they wanted she took their blood pressure (all was good).

Amy even used Tori to demonstrate where her baby was growing in her tummy.



Amy showed the children how a baby must lie in a cot and how to gently burp a baby.

Darcy asked a really good question, "But why do babies have to lay on their back?" Amy told her because that was the safest way and that it opened up their lungs to help them breath.



Finley was very interested "I know a baby, it's Ralphie's" he says as he listens.

29th June **"We did it !"**



Well done to all our children! We have managed to collect all the petals for the sunflowers! The children have been working really hard at tidying and looking after our toys, not to mention helping the teachers with little jobs. They have been super kind to their friends by sharing toys, helping with coats and shoes, handing out sunhats to keep themselves safe.

The children all brought their favourite teddy in for a teddy bears picnic under the shade of the trees. It was also a farewell party for the aliens. As soon as we fix their spaceship they will be going back home.



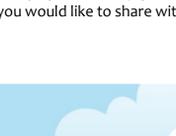
7th July **Fixing the Alien`s spaceship**



The children were very busy today fixing the spaceship so the aliens could fly back home. They used a variety of resources for new engine parts and glue and sticky tape to fix them on. Then they gave the spaceship a fresh coat of paint.

The following day when everything was dry, we said goodbye to the aliens and fastened them in their spaceship ready for them to fly back home. The children thought they would have to wait till it was dark and they could see the stars so they could find their way back home.

10th July **Butterflies**



A few weeks ago we received 10 tiny caterpillars in 2 tubs. We have been watching them as they grew into 'fat caterpillars' and then spun their cocoons. Now they have begun to emerge from their cocoons. The children are able to see the beautiful colours of the 'Painted Lady Butterflies'.

We have taken our butterflies outside into the sunshine to release them after we have had a really good look at them.



16th July **Oreo and Friends**

Today we had a visit from Oreo and Friends. The children listened to the instructions and sat well as Lucean from Oreo and friends came round and showed them his collection of animals. There were Meer Cats, a Tortoise, a Giant African Snail, a Skunk, an Armadillo, a Tenrec, a Python and a Fat Tailed Gerbil.

All the children handled the animals very gently.

19th July **We are "Outstanding"**

On the 9th July we had a visit from Ofsted for our routine inspection and today we have had the official result, we are 'Outstanding' in fact we are 'Outstanding in all areas'.

These areas include the effectiveness of the Leadership and Management. The quality of the teaching, the Welfare and Personal development as well as the outcomes for the children.

We would also like to say 'thank you' to our parents for their positive comments such as 'Children`s happiness and development are at the core of everything the staff do'

We hope you have enjoyed reading about what our children have enjoyed doing and learning about this half term and if you would like to share with us what your children have enjoyed doing we would be pleased to hear from you.

Thank you from all the staff at

Templegate Tiny Tots Pre-school