

Templegate Tiny Tots Pre-school

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Our sharing diary



19th May Measuring the sunflowers growth

The staff's sunflowers have all started to grow, in the cabin the children can explore this. Using a ruler they measure a chosen flower to see which is the biggest and which is the smallest. Then we cut some string to the lengths measured then compared the string lengths. All the children we're able to put the strings in order from smallest to biggest.

The sunflowers have now been planted out in our garden and we will continue to watch them grow.



20th April Our last toy has been achieved

The remaining toy was achieved on Thursday much to the delight of everyone.

All the children worked extremely hard to collect the money rewards to pay for them, a big well done to all.



Our next collective rewards will be Lego themed, our reward will be watching excerpts from the Lego movie with some popcorn. To earn this the children will again try their best at tidy up time (which is getting better), be kind to their friends, be helpful, take turns and look after our toys, all of which are part of the 'Tiny Tots Way'.

When the staff see any of the above we make a mental note and then at Carpet time the children will be reminded of what they did to earn a piece of Lego. They can then select a piece of Lego to place on the board and when it's full we can receive the reward.

The children are all responding really well to this positive approach to rewards and working together to earn the reward.

23rd April Football training



It's football training season and once again John the football coach soon had everyone doing their warming up exercises. Everyone listened to John's instructions and then tried to join in with the moves. They had to put their foot on the ball, then their toes, their heels followed by their knees and then sit on the ball and listen to the next instruction.

The children each had their own ball which they had to kick up and down the field and through the cones.

Then it was time for the match which was so much better than the Premiership games with lots of running, tackling and goal scoring.

23rd April Stay and Play, World book day

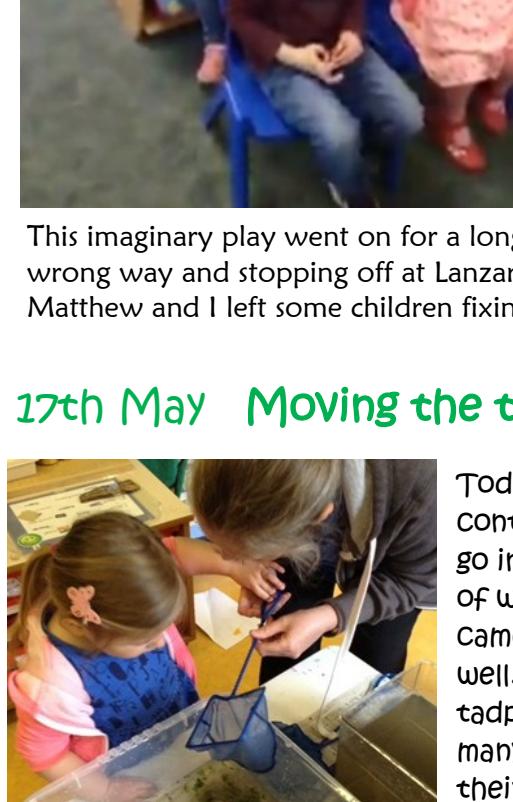
Today our 'Stay and Play' session is based around 'World Book Day' which had to be cancelled because of the snow earlier in the year.

Parents were invited to come into Pre-school and share stories with their children.

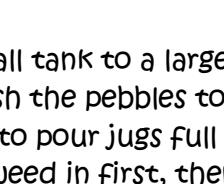
Other children sat in the sunshine sharing stories with each other.



8th May Looking at how the Tadpoles have grown



Ivy and Mia are looking at the tadpoles. "They've grown" Ivy told Mia excitedly. Mia agreed, "They are bigger" she replied to Ivy. Both girls started to look at the books we had on display about the life cycle of frogs. They compared pages and chatted to each other about the different stages. "That's got legs, look Mia" Ivy said showing Mia her book. Mia laughed "That's a frog like mine" she said turning a page to show Ivy.



9th May Staying safe in the sun



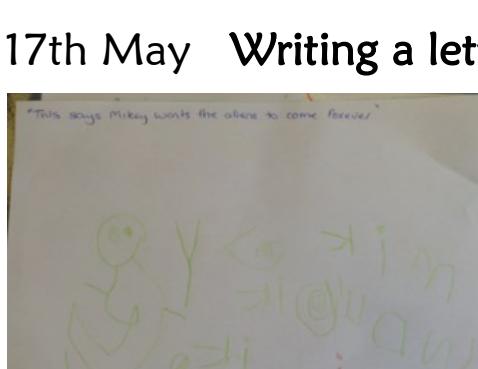
The weather is really hot at the moment so the children know that they have to have some sun cream on and wear their hats to go out to play.

Izzy, Mia and Kadie chose to play in the sand pit under the sun shade. They add water to the dry sand telling Tori

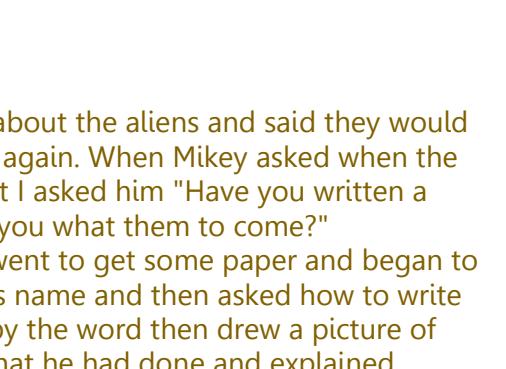
"We're making a river, it's going really well, we've put shells in it"



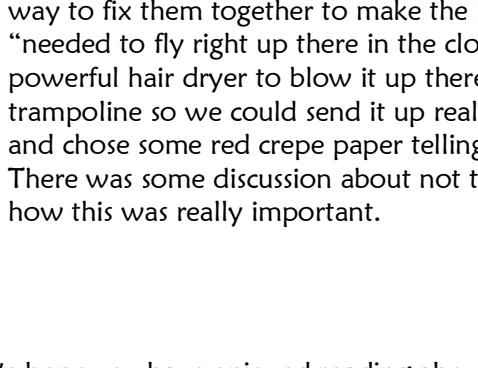
15th May "We did it, it's Movie time"



Our LEGO board is full at last. Each brick represents being kind, caring, thoughtful and a great effort at tidy up time. We will be enjoying the LEGO movie with popcorn at various times this week. Well done everyone.



15th May Gardening



Today a group of children helped Karen in the vegetable garden. They helped to loosen the soil so we could plant two tomato plants and a runner bean plant. Thomas and Mason came to see what was happening. "My grandad does that" Thomas told me as Karen opened a packet of seeds. "They're carrots, my Grandad grows carrots" Thomas told Mason. Together they made a straight line in the soil to put the seeds in, then carefully sprinkled their seeds onto the ground. We then made sure all of our plants were well watered.

Well done everyone.



16th May The 'Travel Shop'

This week Rachel set up a 'Travel Shop' where the children can play, looking at brochures and choosing where they might like to go on holiday. They can use the keyboard as they book and pay for their tickets for the planes, buses or trains.



Matthew sold me a ticket for "an aeroplane to fly to Disneyland in Florida"



After selling me my ticket Matthew took my hand and led me to the story corner. "This is the aeroplane" he told me. Other children playing nearby heard this and wanted to play as well. We began moving the little sofas and chairs to make our aeroplane and within just a few moments more children were moving chairs to extend the plane and Tori became our pilot. Some children became the cabin crew when there was no more room on the plane, serving drinks and food to the passengers after we had taken off.

This imaginary play went on for a long time and we did eventually get to Disneyland after going the wrong way and stopping off at Lanzarote. The plane broke down when we got to Disneyland and Matthew and I left some children fixing the plane and getting it ready for its next flight.

17th May Moving the tadpoles

Today we had to move the tadpoles from their small tank to a larger container to go outside. Some children helped wash the pebbles to go in the bottom of the tank and then took turns to pour jugs full of water into the container. We moved the pond weed in first, then came the task of trying to catch the tadpoles and moving them as well. Darcy enjoyed using a net to carefully catch some of the tadpoles. She looked in the net each time and tried to count how many tadpoles we had caught then I helped her release them into their new home. She watched the tadpoles, talking about what she observed as they swam around in the larger container, pointing them out as they swam up to the surface of the water then went back down and hid between the stones.

Aliens the beginning

A few weeks ago Karen was talking to Eddie about the Planets and she told him that we once had a visit from some aliens from the planet Qwerkon and showed him a short video clip of the aliens when they came to Pre-school.

17th May Writing a letter to the aliens

The children began to talk about the aliens and said they would like them to come and visit again. When Mikey asked when the aliens might come for a visit I asked him "Have you written a letter yet to let them know what they come?" Mikey shook his head and went to get some paper and began to write his letter. He wrote his name and then asked how to write 'alien'. He attempted to copy the word then drew a picture of the alien. He showed me what he had done and explained "This says Mikey wants the aliens to come forever".

Noah joined Mikey and was also writing a letter to the aliens. We began discussing how we could send the letter to the aliens and Noah and Mikey decided that we would have to build a rocket to send it to them. We began to look for some resources to make a rocket and other children soon joined in and helped us make a rocket. All the children were very busy, selecting resources and working out the best way to fix them together to make the rocket. Noah told me that the rocket "needed to fly right up there in the clouds" Eli thought we could get a "really super powerful hair dryer to blow it up there". Noah said "we just need a really, really big trampoline so we could send it up really high". Mikey felt that "it needs some fire" and chose some red crepe paper telling me "This is the fire". There was some discussion about not to touch the fire as it would burn you and how this was really important.

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

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