

## Our sharing diary



### 3rd June **Collective Reward**

We begin this last half term with another Collective Rewards Scheme.

Our challenge this time is to fill the cone with scoops of ice cream and flakes. Once again we will be looking for the usual things to keep up our amazing standards.

Our reward when filled will be a delicious ice cream treat at snack time.

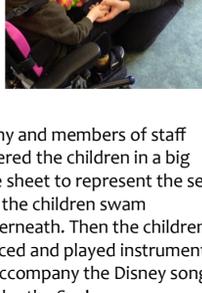
Good luck everyone.

### 10th June **Celebrating the 'San Joao' Festival**



Today we celebrated the festival of 'Sao Joao', this is a traditional festival celebrated in Goa.

Kathy, our music lady helped us with this celebration by giving everyone a colourful garland to wear.



She also brought in some Indian instruments for the children to play including a Dolak drum, bells and whistles. The festival celebrates the sea and it's bounty. We sang songs related to fish and boats and danced along to the beautiful Indian music.



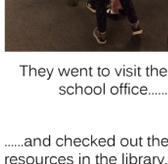
Kathy and members of staff covered the children in a big blue sheet to represent the sea, and the children swam underneath. Then the children danced and played instruments to accompany the Disney song 'Under the Sea'.

### ...Transition...



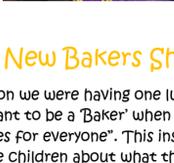
We have begun our 'Transition' process this week by taking the children into the dinner hall to eat their packed lunches. This will hopefully help them become more accustomed to the increased noise levels when the hall is full of children having their dinners.

They also have practised lining up and walking quietly and sensibly down the corridors, remembering to walk on the right.



They went to visit the school office.....

They enjoyed investigating the new resources and play areas in the reception classroom.



We also showed them which toilets they will be using when they are in the reception classrooms.

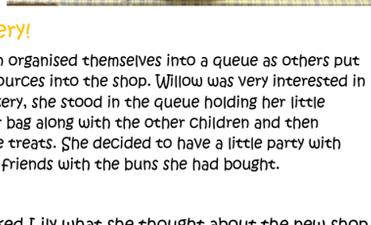


.....and checked out the resources in the library, finding puppets and books which were familiar to them.

### 14th June **The New Bakers Shop**

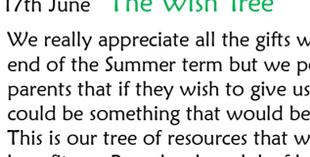
During a conversation we were having one lunchtime, Lily announced "I want to be a Baker when I grow up so I can make cookies for everyone". This inspired more chatter between the children about what they wanted to be when they grew up and also what other cakes or buns Lily thought would be in her shop.

They also thought it would be a good idea to have a Baker's shop here at Pre-school. So to follow the children's interests we now have a new shop at Tiny Tots



#### The Bakery!

The children organised themselves into a queue as others put the new resources into the shop. Willow was very interested in our new Bakery, she stood in the queue holding her little brown paper bag along with the other children and then bought some treats. She decided to have a little party with some of her friends with the buns she had bought.



When I asked Lily what she thought about the new shop she told me "It's awesome!"

### 17th June **The Wish Tree**

We really appreciate all the gifts we receive at the end of the Summer term but we politely ask our parents that if they wish to give us something that it could be something that would benefit our Nursery. This is our tree of resources that we feel would benefit our Pre-school, each leaf has an item or idea. We suggest that our parents just simply take a leaf and then donate this item to Pre-school.

We 'Thank you' all for your continued support.



### 18th June **Father's Day 'Stay and Play' Session**

Today we held a special Father's Day 'Stay and Play' session and invited our 'Dads' to join us if they could. This year we set up an Obstacle course for the children and we were pleased to see that a few Dads were able to join us and plenty of Mums who came in their place. The children enjoyed demonstrating their balancing skills as they walked along the beams and some were pleased that their Dad was there to hold their hand and steady them as they practised their balancing.

Earlier in the week the children had been busy making a book mark and a card for their Dads for Father's Day.

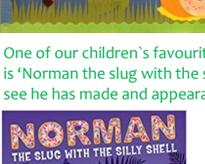
### ....Caterpillars....

#### 20th June **Kathy's music session**

Today's music session theme was 'caterpillars'. Kathy told the children a few rhymes about caterpillars and butterflies and they joined in with the actions she showed them. The children slept inside their cocoons then jumped up, fluttering like butterflies. Kathy handed out ribbons, she fluttered them around the children before making them land on someone wearing the same colour. The children enjoyed calling out the colours. Kathy put on some beautiful music and everyone fluttered their ribbons around like butterflies.



#### 20th June **Our Caterpillars finally arrive!**

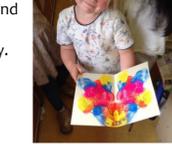


At last our caterpillars have finally arrived. Two tubs each with 5 tiny caterpillars inside are here. We passed the tubs around at carpet time so the children to have a good look at the little caterpillars. We talked about what would happen to the caterpillars and read them the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

Our caterpillars are growing bigger!

The caterpillars have climbed up to the top and have spun their cocoons

#### 2nd July **Cocoons!**



One of our children's favourite stories at the moment is 'Norman the slug with the silly shell' and as you can see he has made an appearance in the display!



Jessica is still waiting to see the butterflies that at the moment are still in their cocoons. We decided to make some cocoons for our display and Jessica helped me by sticking some little balls of tissue paper onto a foam shape of a cocoon. "It's soft!" said Jessica.



The girls really enjoyed making some colourful butterflies to go on the new display in the art area. They all listened carefully and chose what colours they would like to use. We squirted some paint on one side of the paper, folded it in half to then reveal our beautiful butterflies!! Francesca listened to the instructions carefully and chose pink, blue and yellow for her butterfly.



Then she decided to make a butterfly so I got out some different colour tissue paper. "My favourite colour!" She said pointing to the pink one. "I'm making tiny balls". She said as she stuck them on with glue. "I'm making a rainbow one" she added.

### 3rd July **Drumming Session**



Today we had a very special music session with Kathy. She brought in a selection of her drums for a special 'Drumming Session'. All the children were keen to have a go on the special 'drum kit' and Kathy demonstrated how they could use the foot pedal to play the bass drum and, at the same time, use the drum sticks to play the other drums and the cymbals.

Kathy then encouraged the children to play the 'Snare drum' and demonstrated how to play the 'Snare drum' to it's different sound before they each got a turn to try it out.

Next was the 'Conga drum' and all the children seemed to know that they had to play this with their hands.

The last drum was the 'TomTom' drum. Kathy demonstrated how to play this drum by playing a slow steady beat. Some children said it sounded like a giant or a dinosaur was coming.



The last part of the session was a marching band with some 'Lollipop drums' to a fantastic piece of music from the new Aladdin film. Kathy asked the children just to sit quietly and listen to the sounds of the drums at the beginning of the music before they all jumped up and began playing their drums and marching around to the music.

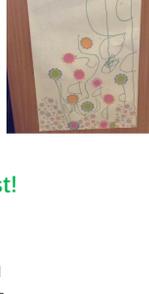


### Our Last Collective Rewards for this year

Congratulations everyone! We did it, we filled our cone with ice cream treats. So our reward will be some ice cream for snack, enjoy everyone.

And so to our last Collective reward challenge which will be.....

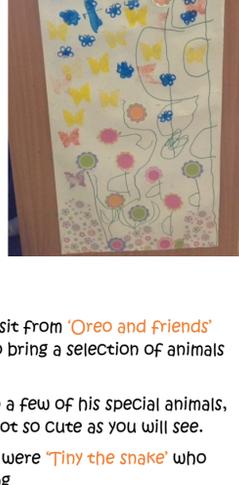
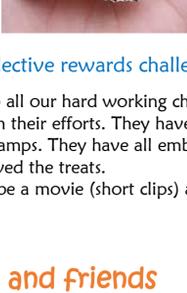
...to fill our beautiful picture with butterfly stamps which will be given for positive behaviour and good efforts. Our reward will be movie clips with some crisps.



### 10th July **Butterflies are emerging from their cocoons at last!**



At last, our first Butterfly has emerged from it's cocoon. It kept it's wings closed for quite a while and kept the children guessing as to what colour it might be but eventually it opened it's wings so we could see all it's beautiful colours. This species of butterflies are called 'Painted lady' butterflies.



### 12th July **Our last collective rewards challenge is complete**

A huge congratulations to all our hard working children who continue to amaze us with their efforts. They have filled our picture with beautiful butterfly stamps. They have all embraced our collective rewards and loved the treats. Our treat next week will be a movie (short clips) and crisps. Well done to all.

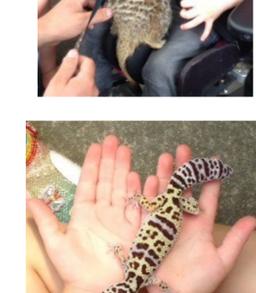
### 12th July **Oreo and friends**



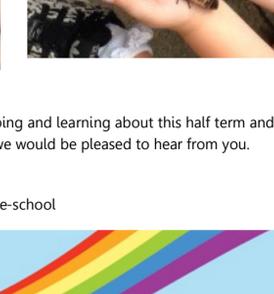
On Monday we had a visit from 'Oreo and friends' which is a company who bring a selection of animals into different settings.

Lucas introduced us to a few of his special animals, some cute and others not so cute as you will see.

Some of the favourites were 'Tiny the snake' who you can see was anything but tiny!



The children all handled the animals with great care, the Tenrec, a gecko and even the Madagascan Cockroach.



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