

27th April 2018

Badger Room: What a busy week in Badger Class. After our fantastic trip to the farm on Monday, we have spent the rest of the week looking at the book 'Rosie's Farm' and have learnt some Makaton signs to help us tell the story ourselves. We then looked at the pictures in detail and wrote sentences to describe what was happening in each scene - we had to look at them closely to find where the fox was hiding or what disaster was able to happen each time! In maths we have been adding single-digit numbers together by 'counting on' and have played silent maths by learning how to show our answers by using our fingers, number fans or writing on mini white boards. We are very excited to see that our caterpillars have now made their chrysalis' and our tadpoles have settled in very well to their new home. The children are studying them every day for signs of change.



Hedgehog Room: Hedgehogs have been very interested in our caterpillars, which are now entering the chrysalis phase! Next week we will need to very carefully transfer them into the butterfly net and hopefully it will not be long before the butterflies start to emerge.

This week our focus has been on the life cycle of seeds as they turn into plants. We have planted our own vegetables and will keep a close eye on the seedlings as they appear. Hedgehogs have been thinking about the conditions that plants need to grow successfully and are looking after ours well so far. Our focus on seeds and planting has also extended to baking using pumpkin seeds, making our own playdough to decorate with real flowers, pressing flowers to make sun catchers for our windows, and building tractors out of junk model materials. We have enjoyed 'Hungry Caterpillar' yoga and have been getting lots of practice making marks with different materials including writing our names.



Next week we will continue to focus on life cycles, looking at frogs, ladybirds, worms and snails! Show and Tell items linked to this theme will be very welcome.

Green Dragon Eco Farm: We had a very successful trip to the lovely Green Dragon Eco Farm in Buckingham yesterday. We got to feed the goats and sheep and it tickled our hands when they ate from us. We got the chance to stroke some tiny newborn lambs which were really cute.



There was a special place where we got to see some animals that aren't typical to a farm, such as a hissing cockroach, ferret and dragon lizard - all of which we got to touch and hear all about from the experts at the farm. There were some gigantic rabbits and certainly one of the highlights was walking through the pygmy goat field and see them jumping around and butting each other, which we all found very funny! Thank you to the parent volunteers and staff for making it such a memorable day.

Breakfast Club: We are now running Breakfast club for the Summer Term! We can only accept children that have pre-registered, so if you would like your child to come to breakfast club... [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

Summer Festival – Friday 13th July: Our biggest event in the school calendar is fast approaching! We do rely on lots of donations from parents and extended family, so we welcome any contributions you may have for the tombola stall, school raffle (especially if you know/work in large organisations who may be willing to donate) and a 'new to you' sale. The next meeting of the PTFA to discuss the Festival is next Monday 30th April at The Plough pub (Bodicote) at 7:30pm. If you have a business and would like a stall, please get in touch and if you wish to contact the PTFA about anything, you can do so through this email LPPSPTFA@longfordparkschool.org

Key Dates for your Diary:

Friday 29th June – INSET day, no children in school

Friday 13th July, 5:30-8:30pm – Summer Festival, details to follow

Have a fantastic weekend!

Julie Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team





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Monday	Tuesday
<p>Sway Dance Club (£3) (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>Ms Whitehead will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p>SIGN UP FOR SWAY DANCE</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm (optional 3:15-4:00pm crèche led by Stagecoach prior to the class starting - £3 per session)</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Kickboxing – Ages 3+ (£4) 3:15-4:15pm Led by Coach Cian, Temple Martial Arts</p> <p>A no-contact sport, which helps with coordination, confidence and discipline – as well as staying in tiptop shape! Join Coach Cian to learn all about it in a fun and safe environment.</p> <p>Currently full</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p>RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises.</p> <p>Currently full</p>

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