

March 2023 Newsletter



This month the Little beans will be learning about: Animals!

We will be learning all about animals and their habitats! We will be comparing and learning facts about different animals and seeing if we can find similarities and differences between them! We will be exploring what animals live in the water, which live on land and which can fly!



We will be seeking to answer questions such as how big is a whale? Which animal moves the fastest? Are there any animals who live in extreme cold or hot weathers?

We will be learning about what animals like to do with their day, and that some animals sleep all day long and are awake at night time!



We will be exploring how we have some animals as pets, but that we perhaps wouldn't have a lion or a tiger as a pet!



We will be learning that baby animals have different names and seeing how many we can remember!

Staff Updates!



We would love to introduce you to our new apprentice Jasmine! Jasmine will be working towards her Level 2 Childcare qualification whilst working in the preschool room! Jasmine has lots of experience working with children in her family, as well as working at a soft play centre!

Parents Evening in March!

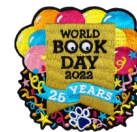
The Little Beans team would like to invite you to our parents evening on Wednesday 22nd March between **6.15-8.15**. Your child's key worker will be in touch very soon to book in a ten minute time slot with you for you to come in, have a chat and see what your Little Beans have been up to!

Little Beans Celebrations Events & Special Days in March 2023

27th February—12th March: Fairtrade Fortnight! We will be learning what 'fair' means and how we can help make the world a fairer place!

1st March: St David's Day! At Little Beans we will be celebrating the patron saint of Wales by looking at the Welsh flag and making daffodils to wear! We will also look at the Welsh landscape and seeing if we can find similarities and differences between our own!

2nd March: World Book Day! Annual celebration of books and reading celebrated by reading, book related activities and dressing up as characters from books. At Little Beans we will be encouraging all to dress up as their favourite book or nursery rhyme character! We will be looking at all types of books and stories and seeing if we can make up any stories of our own!



3rd March: World Wildlife Day! It is a United Nations International day to celebrate all the world's wild animals and plants and the contribution that they make to our lives and the health of the planet.



9th March: Barbie Day! On 9th March 1959, Barbie made her debut to the world! We will be using our imaginations and promoting lots of small world play! Small world and imaginative play has huge benefits to all areas of the curriculum and is so important for children's development!

17th March: St Patrick's Day! Ireland's national day is celebrated the Irish patron saint Patrick. The day is celebrated all around the world with all things Irish! At Little Beans we will be decorating shamrocks, making our own Irish flags and seeing if we can find any rainbows with pots of gold!

17th March: Red Nose Day! At Little Beans we will be fundraising for Comic Relief by dressing up in something red! We will be doing lots of fun activities through the day to make us smile and laugh like telling jokes, playing group games and doing some baking!



18th March: Global Recycling Day! The 18th of March is also Global Recycling Day so we are asking all Little Beans to bring something in for a junk modelling competition! We love to reuse and recycle here at Little Beans and will be working together to use junk modelling to make some fantastic creations!

19th March: Mothers Day! At Little Beans we will be thinking all about the special women in our lives and thinking of kind ways to show our appreciation for them!



20th March: Spring Begins! The first official day of the Spring season! At Little Beans we will be busy watching how our environment changes with the weather!

20th March: World Frog Day! A day to recognise the importance of these green creatures and how they form a vital part of our ecosystem!

21st March: World Poetry Day! A day to celebrate poems and nursery rhymes and the fantastic way they tell stories through rhyme! At Little Beans we will be singing our favourite nursery rhymes and poems, and seeing if we can make up some of our own nonsense rhymes!

22nd March: World Water Day! A worldwide event to recognise how important it is to not waste water, and how important water is to all creatures and living things!



29th March: Piano Day! A day for piano players and lovers to share the joy of the piano. It takes place on the 88th day of the year, for the number of keys on a piano.

Term Dates for Term Time Only Children

Spring Term 2 – Monday 20th February 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023.

2023 EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 3rd April 2023 – Friday 14th April 2023 (**All Year Round children to attend only**)

Summer Term 1 – Monday 17th April 2023 – Friday 26th May 2023.

HALF TERM - Monday 29th May 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023 (**All Year Round children to attend only**)

Summer Term 2—Monday 5th June 2023 --Friday 21st July 2023.

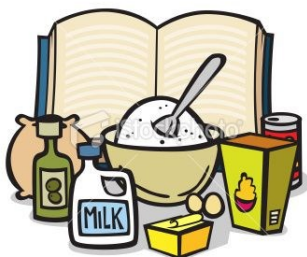
Summer Holidays— Monday 24th July - Friday 1st September 2023. (**All Year Round children to attend only**)

Recipe of the Month:
Lemon Drizzle Cake



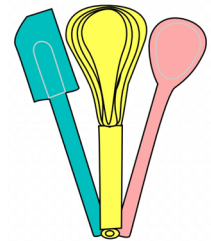
Ingredients:

- 250g Butter
- 250g Sugar
- 250g Self Raising Flour
 - 3 Eggs
 - 2 Lemons
- 100g Icing Sugar
- 5g Baking Powder



Method:

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 5 or 200 degrees
2. Mix the butter, sugar and eggs together
3. Grate 2 lemon zests and add to the mixture
4. Add the juice of 1 lemon
5. Fold in the flour and baking powder
6. Bake in oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown!
7. Juice the second lemon and add the icing sugar.
8. Make fork pricks in the cake to allow for better absorption
9. Drizzle the lemon icing sugar over the top of the cake once cooked



Top Tip

Try an Orange Drizzle Cake by replacing the lemons for oranges!



Little Beans Lunches & Teas

Check out the new Spring menu displayed outside of nursery. Our delicious hot lunches are freshly made every day by our own on-site nursery cook. Getting a balanced meal at lunchtime is so important for concentration and means you do not have to worry about what to put in your child's lunchbox!

What's On at Little Beans:
Monday—Cooking Club with Chef Laura



Tuesday—French Club 2pm



Wednesday—Music with Helen 9:30am-11am



Thursday—Dance with Miss Emily 10am-11am



Friday—Cooking Club with Chef Laura



Bank Holidays and Dates for your Diary (Closed)

Friday 7th April 2023—Good Friday

Monday 10th April 2023—Easter Monday

Monday 1st May 2023—Early May Holiday

Monday 8th May 2023—King's Coronation.

Monday 29th May 2023—Spring Holiday

Monday 28th August 2023—Summer Bank Holiday

Collection and Drop Offs

Please ensure you are on time for your child's collection, they must be collected before the session end time to avoid incurring additional costs. Staff are available to open the door up to 30 minutes before the end of a session.

Please be aware of parking safely and considerately of others. Be mindful of other cars on the forecourt, and of pedestrians and please do not park on the pavement across the forecourt. Please use the designated spaces.



Car Seat Safety

Please ensure your child is correctly strapped into their car seat, which is appropriate for their age and height.

Halfords will check your car seat is securely fastened, and BCP Council run events regularly with the fire department to support families with this.

Children should not be wearing winter jackets whilst in their seats as this can create a buffer and make the straps less secure.



If you have any questions or concerns, then please speak to a member of the Little Beans Team who will be happy to help.

Many thanks

The Little Beans team

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