

Margaret Coates Centre Newsletter No: 8 Friday 18th January 2019



We are well into the swing of the new term and the children have all been working incredibly hard. Platinum and Gold class have been very busy the last couple of weeks learning about non-fiction texts and I have enjoyed learning new facts about all manner of different animals!

I am excited also about the microgreens gardening project that is beginning next week. The children will be cultivating their very own minicrops and then cooking up some delicious dishes in the kitchen once they have harvested their crops.

More information can be found here: <https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/grow-plants/how-to-grow-microgreens/>

Reading App ~ Please have a look at the Nessy reading app. This can also be logged on through the internet. There is a log in button on the webpage for Nessy.

Secret word: physicaltooth

Real name: Your child's name with capital letters and a space e.g. Michael Bogg

Monkey Login: Your child's name with no capitals or spaces e.g. michaelbogg

This app is suitable for children that have begun to look at letters and sounds but will also support learning up to KS2. Please do have a look as it is a valuable resource to support your child's learning at home. When they initially use it the programme will assess where they are and ensure that the learning they do is appropriate to their level.



Please remember to get in touch if you would like any support at home. We are able to provide ideas and support with social stories, behaviour support and also home visits and home rules. My office based days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings if you need to call. Staff are always around for a chat after school also.

Dance Umbrella

This term the children are learning the dance for the Dance Umbrella and they have begun dance sessions with Natasha, our dance teacher. We will be block booking tickets in the next week so hope to avoid the problem of purchasing tickets for parents. Once the children have decided if they would like to take part we will inform you of how to buy tickets.

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Be Kind. Try hard. Do your best.



Diary Dates

- 29th January - Riding Platinum/Gold
- 2nd February - Saturday club
- 12th February – Riding Silver/Gold group
- 13th February - Parents coffee morning
- 27th March – Dance Umbrella



Silver Class – This week we have been exploring our senses and have enjoyed learning about touch, smell and sound. We have played in foam, splatted plant pots and cooked cupcakes.

Gold Class - Well what a busy two weeks we have had. Gold class have been exploring “How big is a million?” They have been very busy creating collage polar animals and learning to draw them and learning about penguins and have found out some very interesting facts!

Platinum Class – We have been experimenting with separating materials from water. The sugar and water made an exciting sticky mess and the salt and water was most exciting as the salt began leaping from the pan! We have also been learning about the water cycle and produced posters telling us all about it.

