



FEDERATION NEWS

Spring Term 2 – March 2024

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools
Bedford Nursery Schools Federation



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another busy half-term of learning, signs of Spring are emerging all around us. Take time to notice the blossom on the trees and the beautiful Spring flowers with your children.

Sadly, three members of the Cherry Trees team will be leaving the federation at Easter. Hayley Ward begins her maternity leave, Julia is retiring and Gerda will be flying off to start her new adventures in America. We wish them all every happiness and look forward to hearing their news as they keep in touch with us.

Thank you for contacting the office to inform us if your child is absent from school. Please do this on the first day of absence. We will make contact with you if we haven't heard from you. Please refer to our Attendance Policy on each school website for further details.

I hope you enjoy the Easter break at home with your families and friends. The children return to Nursery School on Thursday 18th April.

I am always contactable via the school offices or at the school gates.

Julie Smith
Executive
Head Teacher

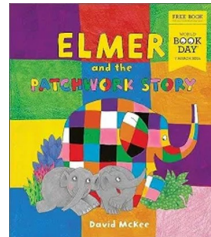
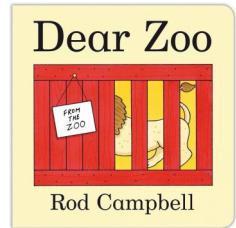


*'Celebrating and
Strengthening our
Communities Together'*

Our learning this half-term....

Dear Zoo

The flap book 'Dear Zoo' encouraged the children to name and describe zoo animals. During Whole School singing sessions the children learnt and performed a number of wild animal songs and rhymes. Many children were be found singing these songs later on when playing in the nursery.



World Book Day

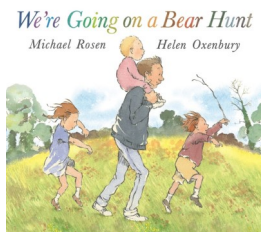
On World Book Day an area of the setting was transformed into a cosy, comfortable reading area. Parents were invited to come in and share their favourite stories and the children drunk hot chocolate. The theme this year was 'Elmer' the colourful elephant. Everyone was encouraged to come to school in colourful clothes.

Traditional Tales

The children read traditional tales and showed their understanding of the story by helping adults to retell the repeated refrains using puppets and by mark making on story maps. Reading these familiar traditional tales helps children to develop story comprehension as they talk about the characters as well as an awareness of story structure.

Bear Hunt

The children have enjoyed the well-known story 'Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. The classic story with its strong rhythm is one which the children have enjoyed retelling with adult support as well as in role play. We have also been hunting for bears in the garden!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lou5LV9dRP0>



Easter

The children have talked about celebrations that they know of and we have introduced Easter. They have been learning about the Easter Story and have taken part in an egg hunt. There was lots of opportunities for developing prepositional language and counting and hopefully it caused great excitement!

Thank you for joining us at our 'Sing in Spring' concert. Our song books can be found on the schools websites by clicking the link below:

<https://www.peterpannurseryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Singing&pid=50>



UPCOMING EVENT

Join us for EID stay and Play on
FRIDAY 19TH APRIL

TERM DATES

EASTER HOLIDAY 29th March 2024 to 17th April 2024

Summer Term 1 18th April 2024 to 24th May 2024

HALF TERM HOLIDAY 27th May 2024 to 31st May 2024

Summer Term 2 3rd June 2024 to 19th July 2024



Some play-spiration for the Easter break!

https://www.canva.com/design/DAF8yyZ02b4/3L9pEswLp9fMmqvZAhwA/watch?utm_content=DAF8yyZ02b4&utm_campaign=share_your_design&utm_medium=link&utm_source=shareyourdesignpanel

FREE EASTER CRAFTS AT BEDFORD LIBRARY

From Saturday 1 to Sunday 16 April, families are invited to visit Bedford Borough Libraries for free fun craft activities.

Bedford Central, Bromham, Kempston, Putnoe, and Wootton libraries all have activities planned.

Crafts include making Easter bunting, Easter wreaths, and butterfly bracelets. There will also be Lego clubs in all the libraries. Bedford Central Library has a special Easter Story Time on Wednesday 5 April 11:30am – 12:00pm.

PARENT REMINDERS

- **We are a NUT FREE school.** Please ensure NO NUTS are brought onto the nursery site, inside or outside. We have children with a severe nut allergy.
- **No food should be brought into nursery.** Children need to have eaten their breakfast or lunch before they arrive at school.
- **Water bottles should NOT be brought to nursery,** the children drink their water out of open cups so please leave water bottles at home.

Parent Hub

Please sign up to our Parent Hub app. This is the way we will be sending newsletters and other information home to you.

You can download the app from the Google store or Apple store. Create an account and search for @PeterPan for Peter Pan or @CherryTrees for Cherry Trees.



Please remember to verify your account.