

News from the Woodland Room, Spring 2016

It is in the nature of Nurture Provision that children move on; sometimes after only a short space of time. Whilst we are proud of their progress and achievements, we are always sad to see members of our 'Woodland Team' leave. Just before Christmas we saw our first 'Graduates' from Woodland Room this year. We marked the occasion with a ceremony and celebration, and now love to see them happy and flourishing when they pop in to say hello. Further children will be graduating before Easter, and we will welcome more new children to the



Graduation

facility after the holiday.

We continue to be incredibly lucky with our staff and helpers. It was sad to lose Mrs Betts who left to start a new job (although we do keep in touch through her Family Support Advisory role) but her replacement, Mrs Cross has taken on the demands of the Teaching Assistant role admirably and developed great relationships with all members of the group.



Team

We are also very grateful to Mrs Fox who comes in weekly on a Friday to help with our cooking sessions.

Since our last update we have had a sustained focus on building Emotional Literacy to develop self-awareness, learn how to manage emotions, develop empathy and form effective relationships. The children have all made excellent contributions in these sessions and we can see the impact in the way they work and play together in the Woodland Room and back in their home classes.



London's Burning

Our curriculum focus has been on 'The World Around Us'. We have looked at different parts of the world - London (Royal Family, Great Fire of London), The Arctic and Antarctic, Rainforests and The Galapagos (Charles Darwin). Our work culminated with a fantastic visit from the Banham Zoo Outreach

Team. This hands-on session really crystallised understanding of animal and plant habitats and we all enjoyed handling some really cool creatures. Our experiments during Science Week were another great opportunity to learn more about how and why things happen in the world and multi-cultural week provided more exciting learning opportunities.



We continue to challenge ourselves within the Woodland Room. Trying new things is sometimes hard and we were so proud of our children who took part in performances in assemblies as part of 'Anti-bullying week' and 'Responsible Pet Ownership'. Our tennis sessions with Sam have been great to learn physical skills, and also to provide further practise in following instructions. And of course we have produced many more culinary delights with our cooking sessions linking to every other curriculum area.



Challenges

