



# Little Dragons Nursery

## Newsletter – April 2026

### Welcome

Dear parents

We have had several new families join us between January and March. We hope you are all now settled into nursery life and enjoying seeing your children's creations.

This term we have been celebrating several cultural events including Chinese New Year, and Eid.

The children have enjoyed learning about the different celebrations and taking part in fun and educational activities to help embed their learning.

The nursery team had a day filled with face-to-face training in March. Moving this training from late evenings to the daytime has

really made a difference to the impact of the sessions. Staff are compliant in Health and Safety, Basic Life Support, Fire Training, Safeguarding, and Manual Handling.

Manu and Becca have completed several training sessions that followed with invigilated exams including Level 3 award in Food Allergen Management in Catering, Level 3 award in HACCP for Caterers, and Listeria awareness within catering.

The nursery team have also undertaken Allergen training.

Michelle and Hollie have attended a Team Leader Networking morning at Chiltern Training College, which supports their senior leadership roles within the nursery.

We have been successful in having the Blue room cloak area entrance moved into the Blue room and now closed off in the corridor. This has dramatically reduced the time it takes for the children to get ready for outdoor play, with their coats and belongings at hand within the room when they need them.

You may have seen that we had a company here to deep clean the garden last month. This made such a difference, and we hope to be able to have more regular cleans of the safety floor surface, going forward. Alongside this, we had our routine deep cleans of the bathrooms and kitchens.

Manu was successful in maintaining our 5-star rating from our annual Environmental Health Officer visit on the 11/03/26.



Hallway give away items – if you have any books (children's or adults) that you no longer require, please do feel free to put them on our give away area for others to enjoy.

Later in the spring we will be sending out our sun lotion consent forms, please keep an eye out for those. You may also wish to start thinking about finding a suitable sun hat that can be named and kept at nursery for your child to use in the garden.

Those of you with children moving onto reception at Primary school in September will soon be notified of your allocated school. Once you have accepted your offered place, please let us know in the office and we can ensure your child's transfer report is sent to their new school.

**Please be aware that children can attend the nursery until Friday 28th August 2026. A months' notice is required via email.**

### **Housekeeping**

We are continuing to have issues with some nursery parents driving at speed through the car park. Please can we urge you to drop your speed down to the 5MPH limit, before there is a significant accident.

ANPR parking is coming soon however, this should not impact parent/carer parking when dropping off or collecting from the nursery. We will notify you of any actions that may become necessary.

When entering or exiting the nursery front gate, please use the thumb latch to close the gate securely rather than allowing the gate fall shut and unlatched. We work hard at keeping everyone safe, please help us by doing the same.

Please can we encourage you to name your child's clothes, shoes, coats and hats. We have many similar items and names help us identify what belongs to who.

### **Current Staffing Information**

We have 4 new team members going through the recruitment process – Two level 3 Nursery Nurses, one level 2 Nursery Assistant and one Apprentice. We hope they will be joining us soon and we look forward to introducing them to you all.

Lola has recently completed her level 2 in childcare and has taken a permanent level 2 position with us.

Ellie, who did her level 2 training with us, has now moved over from an agency onto our Bank Team.

## Nursery Room News

### Green Room news

In January we welcomed some new children, and we enjoyed getting to know each other and our interests. We looked at our favourite things and did lots of sensory and paint activities.

In February we celebrated Chinese New Year. We helped create a large Dragon for the hallway in the nursery, we made the tail of the dragon by using different materials, glitter and paint. In the room we made individual dragons and floating lanterns.

We also celebrated Pancake Day and had different fruits as toppings to explore. We enjoyed trying a variety of different fruits.

For St David's Day we explored daffodils and the babies liked the feel of the petals and the leaves in our sensory tray. We also collaged daffodils using tissue paper and paint.

We introduced the children to the festival of Ramadan by sharing stories and music. This led us on to celebrate Eid in March. We made lanterns, star biscuits and clay stars as part of these celebrations.



We celebrated Mother's Day by making cards and crafts for our mums and grandmothers.

We followed the children's interests and looked at our favourite nursery rhymes and stories throughout February and March, which linked in with World Book Day. We looked at our favourite stories and enjoyed using small world toys to recreate story scenes such as, We're Going On A Bear Hunt.



## Red room news

Red room children have been enjoying a variety of different cultural festivals.

We celebrated Chinese New Year where a parent very kindly came in and read us a Chinese New Year story and very kindly gave out some red envelopes with chocolate coins as gifts.

The children enjoyed exploring colour when celebrating Holi, the festival of colour, they painted diva cups, did henna handprints and played with multicoloured sand.

In celebration of St David's Day, we played with daffodils, using them in the water tray and we even used them as a paint brush! We watched some fun learning videos about St David's Day and also tried some traditional Welsh cakes for tea.

For Eid we have watched videos, read books and did activities such as painting Crescent moons and colouring in Eid colouring sheets to build our knowledge on the festival.



Red room celebrated St Patrick's Day by doing lots of messy play activities, such as working as a team to decorate a large-scale shamrock using lots of different materials and using cotton buds to decorate a shamrock. During this week the children also enjoyed doing Irish dancing to traditional Irish music too.

We also celebrated our Mummy's by making a collage of our Mummy's, and exploring paint by making lovely pictures and cards for Mother's day.

During the focus learning of people in our community, we invited parents in who work in the community. This included the police team, and a hairdresser. The children really enjoyed being immersed in the learning and continued this into their everyday play.



## Blue room news

In Blue room we have been celebrating festivals. The children really enjoyed working in small teams to create a textured body for the Chinese New Year Dragon for the nursery entrance area. We had a Mother's Day breakfast with our Mums and shared our Mummy portraits. We also had a feast at our tea party to celebrate the end of Eid. Music and movement have also played a big part across all celebrations.



The children enjoyed two weeks of learning about Pirates and Under the Sea. We created our own treasure maps on paper followed by recreating them in the garden.

Also in the garden, we have been making obstacle courses to help the children focus on balancing – 'Walking the Plank' has never been so much fun!



A Red room parent kindly agreed to bring their police team in to support 'People in our Community' work and the Blue room children had a great time making fingerprint keyrings and learning about how the police help us. The children asked lots of questions and explored the equipment the police use in their everyday work.



The construction area has been a real hit recently with the children taking time and care when creating huge towers and cityscapes together, encouraging teamwork and helping with counting objects.



## **General Reminders**

### **Fees and funding**

If you have any queries regarding fees, the 15 or 30 hours funding for all ages or Tax Free Childcare please contact Katie Baker who is the Nursery Business Administrator for our three nurseries and is always happy to help parents.

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## **Website Information**

Have you seen our [new website](#)? It contains plenty of information about the three BHFT nurseries and we hope you like it as much as we do. You'll find most of the information you may need in the [parent hub](#). Please have a look and let us know what you think.

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**Thank you for your continued support for Little Dragons**  
**Becca Croft**