



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Nursery Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 8

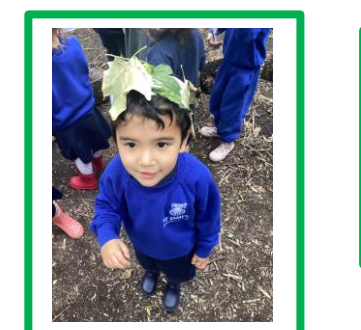
What have we explored this week?

This week in Nursery, as part of our topic on People and Communities, the children have been exploring different European countries. We have had a wonderful time learning about France, Italy, Ukraine, and Austria. The children especially enjoyed getting creative with country-themed crafts and proudly made their own flags. They had fun learning a few words in different languages and tasting some delicious traditional foods. It's been a fantastic way to celebrate diversity and spark curiosity about the wider world. We're so proud of how engaged and enthusiastic the children have been throughout the week!

Alongside our cultural adventures, the Nursery children have also been focusing on important life skills this week. They have been practising taking their shoes on and off all by themselves, an impressive step towards independence. The children also rolled up their sleeves to help clean the mud kitchen, leaving it sparkling clean with their fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm. It was lovely to see how proud they were of their efforts and how eager they were to help. We encourage parents to support their learning at home by giving children opportunities to use their new skills, whether it is getting dressed or helping tidy up. They are more than ready to lend a hand!

To round off a fun-filled week, the children enjoyed a magical Forest School session. They explored the natural environment, collecting leaves, twigs and flowers to create their very own nature crowns. It

was a joy to see their creativity shine as they proudly wore their handmade masterpieces!



What are the teachers doing this weekend?

Miss Tajeddin is going to Westfields

Miss Fortune is going to a party

Miss Tsurkan is meeting friends

Miss Robertson is going to see her grandma
in the countryside

Book of the week: Hansel and Gretel



Song of the week:



Frère Jacques

Speech Day

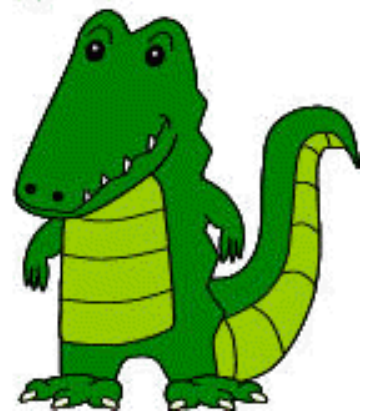
On the last day of term, the Nursery children will be taking part in the St James Annual Speech Day. They will be performing 'The Crocodile' by Lewis Carroll. Please help your child to prepare for the event by practising at home.

The Crocodile

by Lewis Carroll

How doth the little crocodile
Improve his shining tail,
And pour the waters of the Nile
On every golden scale!

How cheerfully he seems to grin!
How neatly spread his claws,
And welcomes little fishes in
With gently smiling jaws!



Things to remember

- We are looking forward to our Sponsored Walk on Monday 16th June. Please drop your child off at Nursery as usual on Monday morning not later than 8.45am. The children will walk, as a group with the Reception children, five times round the Marcus Garvey park. They will finish with a celebratory snack time altogether. Once the event is complete please collect the money and bring it in with the completed sponsorship form and hand to a member of the Nursery team by Friday 20th June. Any money raised will go towards supporting Masibambane College. We hope to raise enough funds to purchase a Jojo water tank for this school in South-Africa.
[📄 Masibambane College & Community Center.docx](#)
Thank you for your support.
- On June 17th from 9-10am we are looking forward to welcoming parents to the Nursery Sports Day. This will be a fun event when the children will get to partake in various traditional races and parents are invited to come and spectate. Please drop your child off at the Nursery as usual **by 8.30am**. Parents should wait outside the main school playground entrance - the black gates across from the Nursery. Once parents are admitted to the playground a member of Nursery staff will be on hand to guide everyone to the spectator areas. There will be four activities. The children will be in groups. They will take part in one activity and then move on to the next as a group. There will be an area provided near each activity for parents to spectate. Parents will be able to move to the spectator area nearest the activity their child is partaking but must remain with the spectator areas please. Once the races are complete, the Nursery staff will take the children back to the Nursery first. Parents are asked to wait until the children have left before making their way over to the Nursery where parents invited to join the children for coffee and biscuits.
Please ensure your child wears the Nursery summer uniform with trainers for the event.
- Speech Day is on **Thursday 3rd July** at the Royal Geographical Society. Please bring your child straight to the venue for registration at 9:30am. The event will finish at approximately 11:30am and all children need to be collected from the venue.
- **Summer Sunflower Growing Competition**
Every child in Nursery to Year 6 has received a sunflower seed. Please help your child plant their seed and remind them to water it during the summer holiday. When the sunflower is at its prime, please take a photo of it and upload this to ClassDojo. Judging of the photos (only) will take place the first week back in September. Happy growing!
 - 1st Place Winners: Gold Green Thumb certificate & 200HPs
 - 2nd Place Winners: Silver Green Thumb certificate & 100HPs
 - 3rd Place Winners: Bronze Green Thumb certificate & 50HPs
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Teacher Interviews. It was lovely to get to spend time with parents and talk about the achievements of the children. If you were not able to attend on the day please speak to a member of the Nursery team about arranging an alternative time.

- Now the Summer Term is here the children all need to be wearing the St James **Summer Uniform**. For the Nursery children this consists of:
 - a school polo shirt
 - navy blue shorts or school skirt
 - the school sweatshirt if it is a cold day
 - a white school summer cap
 - white socks for girls and navy blue for boys
 - trainers

The children should not come in sandals. The children are very active at Nursery and sandals represent a trip hazard and provide no protection for the children's toes.

- Now we are blessed with this wonderful warm weather it is more important than ever that the children drink plenty of water. Please make sure you send your child in with a *named* water bottle every day.

Pictures from the Week!

