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## MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

### **This half term is flying by!**

For some children, this will be their last term at Rainhill Nursery School, and we have been liaising with their welcoming schools in order to support a smooth transition from Nursery to Reception. We are proud of the achievements of all the children at Nursery and know they have developed the skills they need to settle happily into Primary School.

#### **Chicks**

As you know we've been hatching eggs in nursery recently and we were successful in all 10 eggs hatching chicks. The children (and adults!) were amazed and delighted to see the chicks come out of the eggs and there was a great deal of discussion about what was happening, what they looked as well as how quickly they changed as they grew. The chicks have now been rehoused a few miles away from nursery in a lovely large garden with lots of space to roam around.

#### **Tadpoles**

Here's an update on our tadpoles too! The children were delighted to see legs growing as the tadpoles changed into froglets. First the back legs, then the front and the tail shortened. This means they are now ready to return to the pond so that they can continue growing into frogs.

Both of these real-life experiences have given the children the opportunity to look closely and talk about what is happening with the adults. We also use non-fiction books to support our learning too.

## Governors

Our Governing Board met on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May to review feedback from parents and staff and the progress made by children in their learning. Governors spent time reflecting on the school's achievements to date and identifying areas for development for us to work on during the next academic year.

The EYFS Framework is changing from September 2021 and so our efforts will be focused on ensuring that the school responds to these changes whilst continuing to deliver the highest standards of education and care for children.



The Big Pedal



I'm delighted to report our final position in The Big Pedal national challenge was 221<sup>st</sup> out of 441 small schools. Well done to everyone who took part!

## Attendance

Thank you for supporting us in maintaining good attendance and ensuring that your child accesses their full entitlement to Nursery Education.

The habit of good attendance, supported by parents, starts in Nursery and continues throughout school life. Our attendance figure for last week was 86%. We know that this is lower than usual due to several children being unwell.



Library



Our local libraries are nearly all open again and would love to see you visit with your child. The library is currently running a promotion until the end of June where library cards can be replaced free of charge and they have cleared any outstanding fines on overdue books. Don't forget the new St Helens library has moved to the World of Glass Museum. As this opened only last autumn you may not have had a chance to visit yet.

## What we're learning at the moment:

- We will have caterpillars in nursery when we return and will be learning about the changes that happen as they become butterflies.
- Our role play area will become an ice-cream parlour.
- Some children are learning their letter sounds and blending them to make words e.g. s-a-t sat
- In maths we will be counting on and counting back (sometimes harder than you think!)

## Diary Dates for June & July

- School closes for the half term break on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** and reopens on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**.
- Our weekly Yoga sessions will begin.
- The school photographer will take individual photographs of the children on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June**.
- We have already begun our transition conversations with the primary schools to inform your child's new teachers of their interests and levels they are working at.

