

Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents

"Eid Mubarak" (Happy Eid) to our families who have celebrated the Muslim holiday which marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic month of fasting. We found out that Eid al-Fitr is a celebration which continues for one, two or three days and people wish each other "Eid Mubarak". Celebrations vary from country to country but include gathering to view the new moon, decorating homes, family visits, eating special sweet foods, wearing new clothes and receiving gifts. I compared this to how I celebrate at Christmas with very similar activities. Some of our children had their hands decorated with Mehndi, an intricate design drawn on the hands of Muslim women using henna ink to celebrate the end of the Ramadan feast. We also invited older children in our school and one of our members of staff to come and talk to the children about how they had celebrated this special time. Within the "Understanding the World" section of the EYFS curriculum, it is stated, "Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people", ensuring resources reflect the diversity of life in modern Britain, encouraging children to talk about the differences they notice and also similarities between different families and communities, answering questions, encouraging discussions and celebrating and valuing cultural, religious and community events and experiences is a vital part of a child's learning I'm sure you will agree. Mrs Eley had attended a Muslim wedding and she brought her beautiful dress in which she wore, it was very different to a dress she would usually wear to a wedding. The main difference was how heavy it felt due to how decorated it was.

This week's Read Write Inc letters were, o orange, c caterpillar, k kangaroo, u umbrella. The children's waiting and listening has really improved as we practise "my turn" "your turn". Staff model and ensure the children are pronouncing the words correctly especially the first sound in the word which we stress as we speak.

The children enjoyed the visit by two of our local police officers and the police van last week on Friday afternoon. I have asked if they can call again within the morning session as I realise some children missed this. Photographs can be seen on our Twitter page @stannestanleyf1.

In Maths this week we have been "describing familiar routes". Staff have been talking about their route to school describing what they pass on their way, and children spoke about journeys they made over the weekend, answering questions about the route they took, what they went past and so on. We will be restarting our trips to Asda to buy snack, the children will then describe their route to the next group of children encouraging vocabulary, first, turn, left, right, forwards, go past, then and so on. Children are taken in a small group and we are back in school within 20 minutes. If you prefer your child not to take part please let a member of staff know. We will write a shopping list before we go and the children will carry the shopping comparing heavy and light, being very involved in the whole experience.

All the children who are 4 years old by 31st August will be moving to Reception in September. If you have not yet heard from the local authority concerning your child's reception place, please let a member of staff know.

Enjoy the rest of your week

Mrs Riley