



Nursery Newsletter May 2011

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General News

We are working hard to continue the nursery refurbishment programme that started during the Easter Bank Holidays.

So far we have refurbished, re-organised and re-equipped the Out of School Areas and Pre-School Room. The outdoor play resources have been developed and we are continuing to enhance the outdoor play areas with the further expansion of the front garden and vegetable growing beds.

We have ordered some physical play equipment which will be permanently fixed in the upper garden area and elements of which will be suitable for pre-school. The new equipment also includes a large 5m x 5m raised sand pit which can be covered for nursery and Infant children to use and more benches.

These are currently being made ready for installation and have been purchased by the PTA from funds already raised with the balance paid by school and

a £300 donation from Mr & Mrs Bradley who held a family quiz night at the school for their friends.

At half term we shall add to this with permanent outdoor boules and giant chess and drafts areas, more raised plant beds for growing activities and with a permanent outdoor water play feature.

Work has now started on the Older Toddler area and are close to completing our new physical play and sensory area on the top floor by converting part of the original building corridor which can be accessed off the Older Toddler Room and the rear Fire Exit.

Our goal is to have completely upgraded the nursery resources by September 2011. Thanks to all our parents who have commented so supportively on the changes that we have been making and who have been donating materials for the heuristic play bags.

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Sensory Environments—Enhancing Play Opportunities in Nursery

The sensory and physical play opportunities inside nursery are being enhanced and will shortly be completed.

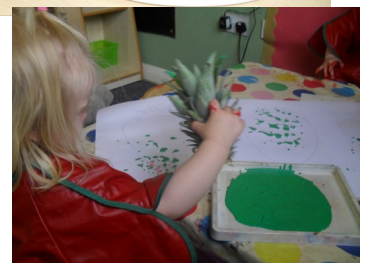
In the baby room we shall be installing the interactive fibre-optics into their newly completed sensory area. These are a great visual and tactile stimulus for babies.

Upstairs the Community Playthings physical play equipment has been expanded, which was only possible in the new space we created in the old corridor which has been darkened to allow UV light activi-

ties and to prepare for the installation of the Opti-music Centre.

The Opti-music Centre is a £12k piece of kit which generates vertical beams of coloured light linked to a PC with a sophisticated sound system. By breaking the light beams the children can create sound effects and music.

It is possible just to explore sound, compose music and design a whole range of activities to explore light, sound and dance. The installation will be completed over the next fortnight.



What have we been doing in Nursery?

It's a great time of year to go on a **BUG HUNT!!!!**

1. Where to find them?



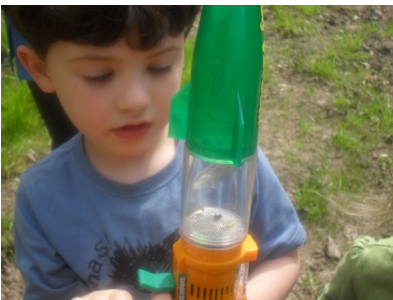
3. Its definitely this one!



5. See we can zoom in on our electronic microscope



2. Success catching them!!



4. I'm not so sure...it could be this



6. Lets make our own bugs!



AND.....



Spring Chickens for Bob and Betsy !!

Four Chicks for our Chickens!

Imagine our surprise to when Aaliyah and Harriet (Yr 4) went to feed the chickens only to find four new additions! Everyone is helping to look after them.



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