

# Ganneys Meadow Nursery School and Family Centre.



Newsletter- Friday 4th February 2022

## A message from our Headteacher...

This week we have welcomed Jade Tyler, our Family Support Worker back to school. Jade will be working alongside Sarah to complement the well established Early Help team who we have onsite. She has been off on maternity leave and has taken the big step of returning to work. Welcome back Jade!

I had the pleasure of visiting Everton Nursery School on Thursday this week. It was a great opportunity to visit a school which is similar to ours and meet with the Headteacher. I have brought back lots of ideas and things to discuss with our team for ways we can further improve what we offer.

On Monday, we will be welcoming a student from Chester University, who will join us for two weeks. We love to work in partnership with universities and offer placements to those training in our profession.

I hope that you enjoy reading about all of the lovely things that the children have experienced this week in school.

**Kathryn Kennedy**



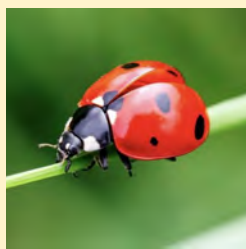
## Butterfly Class

This week we have been finding out about the celebration of Chinese New Year which is based on the lunar calendar so is different from our new year. The children learnt about Dragon dancers and even enjoyed having a go themselves with the fantastic dragon head they had made. They played the drums loudly as their friends took turns to be in the dragon.

We have been painting dragons, trying to use chopsticks and playing in rice and noodles. We watched some videos which showed us how Chinese children in Liverpool prepare by cleaning and decorating their houses, dressing in new clothes and eating special Chinese food. For snack on Friday we tasted prawn crackers, rice and noodles and at home time the children took home a small red packet containing some coins, although ours are chocolate! What a busy fun packed week! If you would like to watch some live Dragon dancing the celebrations will be on in Liverpool this weekend, or you could revisit the CBeebies videos about the celebration of Chinese New Year and then you can talk to the children about them. Kung Hey Fat Choi! Happy New Year!



Our remaining INSET days for this academic year are Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th June, we will be closed on these two days.

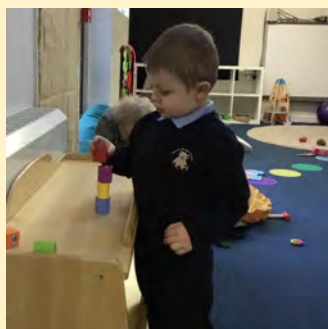


**Ladybird** We have had fun in class this week exploring Chinese New Year. We have looked at lots of different resources linked to Chinese New Year and created a new investigation table including chopsticks, red envelopes, dragon and lots of examples of Chinese characters. The children have tried copying their own Chinese characters using black ink on lucky red paper. We watched a video about how people celebrate Chinese New Year with Dragon dancing and loud drums. Then, in the hall, we were able to recreate this ourselves! In our class lots of the children have enjoyed making their own little dragons which look very effective.

In the video that we watched, we saw a variety of food that people eat when celebrating Chinese New Year and I asked the children if they would like to try some. One of the children said they would not like to eat the lobster!! Instead of lobster, we ate noodles, rice, prawn crackers, and different flavour sauces. Some of the children were keen to try using the chopsticks as they had seen the people do on the video and this was very tricky but they persevered. Out in the garden we had lots of noodles in a tray and used chopsticks to pick these up too.



Finally we read a story called Cleversticks about a little boy who is sad that he can't do lots of things at school, but very good at using chopsticks. This story is on "Youtube" if you would like to access it with your child this weekend.





### Clean Air Monitors




Each class room at Ganneys now has a co2 monitor, this means we can keep a check on the air quality and ventilation in and around school. We know pollution and co2 can cause Asthma, we also know that letting fresh air circulate is important in preventing the spread of Covid-19. You can help us improve the air quality around the school by .....

- \* Switching off ! If you're in the car park, don't leave your engine running.
- \* Leaving the car at home and walking to school.

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