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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

The children have all settled back into the routine of Pre-school and seem to enjoy travelling around the world. We have talked about our promises on helping each other, looking after our pre-school toys and how to keep safe. We will continue to talk about our promises; please can you help your child at home too.

Staff News

Jo's operation was a success and she is recovering well. Sadly Cathy will be leaving us at the end of this half-term; she has taken up a post in a first school. I am sure you'll agree when I say a huge thank-you to Cathy for her enthusiasm and dedication at Pre-school and wish her the very best as she moves on.

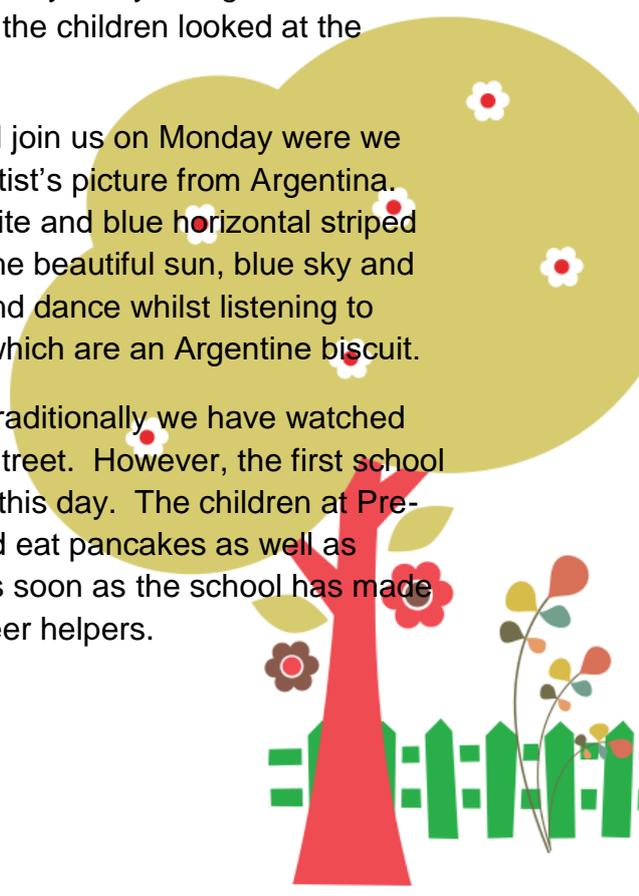
We have advertised for a Level 2 qualified Play Assistant who I will work closely with to ensure Cathy's key-children feel supported and settled with this change. The post is advertised on our website under the committee page.

Activities

Last week we travelled to Africa, the children enjoyed playing in the jungle area learning about the different animals that live in Africa. Miranda joined us on Thursday and the children made an animal from clay, they really thought about the different shapes of the animal they made. On Friday, the children looked at the African flag and painted their own.

This week we are travelling to Argentina. Miranda will join us on Monday where we will create a picture using paint whilst looking at an Artist's picture from Argentina. We will also make the country's flag which is blue, white and blue horizontal striped with the sun in the white stripe. The flag represents the beautiful sun, blue sky and blue sea. We will listen to Spanish nursery rhymes and dance whilst listening to Argentine music. On Friday we will make 'Alfajores' which are an Argentine biscuit.

On Tuesday 9th February it is pancake Tuesday and traditionally we have watched the first school run their pancake races along Water Street. However, the first school have informed me the pancake races may not run on this day. The children at Pre-school really enjoy watching this as we also make and eat pancakes as well as running our own pancake races. I will let you know as soon as the school has made a decision on what day it will be, as I will need volunteer helpers.



Lastly, thank you for putting your child's name in their coats, lunch boxes and backpacks. Please can I remind all parents to remember to take their backpacks home at the end of the session as we are short on storage space.

Kind Regards
Karen

