



Happy  Easter!

Lisbellaw
Community
Nursery
School

Newsletter
March/April 2010



Theme for the month:

GROWTH

Our emotion for March/April: **SURPRISED (+revision)**

Colours: **PINK and PURPLE**

Some things we will be doing:

- ◆ Going out for a walk in the school grounds to observe signs of growth
- ◆ Measuring our heights and having our photos taken beside someone who is taller or shorter than us
- ◆ Learning about which foods are healthy and which are not so healthy (containing salt, fat and sugar)
- ◆ Making fruit salad and soup
- ◆ Playing 'Guess the baby'
- ◆ Playing in our healthy food restaurant, flower shop and photographic studio
- ◆ Planting seeds (including seed potatoes) and watching them grow
- ◆ Discussing requirements for growth in humans, plants and animals
- ◆ Talking about the importance of personal hygiene, and continuing to brush our teeth every day after snack
- ◆ Discussing baby animals, observing a few, and hopefully having a 'Bring your pets to school' day!
- ◆ Learning about some creature life cycles, including observing caterpillars as they grow and change into butterflies
- ◆ Begin to be able to identify rhyming words



Cecil was a caterpillar

Cecil was a caterpillar,
Cecil was my friend.
The first time I saw him
He was 2 centimetres.

This

Cecil was a caterpillar,
Cecil was my friend.
The next time I saw him
He was 4 centimetres
I said "Cecil, what happened?"
"I ate my brother"
"Naughty, naughty!"

"story" may

seem long

but the

Cecil was a caterpillar,
Cecil was my friend.
The next time I saw him
He was 8 centimetres
I said "Cecil, what happened?"
"I ate my sister"
"Naughty, naughty!"

children

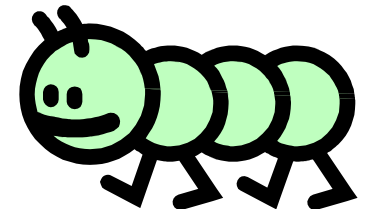
will pick it

up very

Cecil was a caterpillar,
Cecil was my friend.
The next time I saw him
He was 16 centimetres
I said "Cecil, what happened?"
"I ate my daddy"
"Naughty, naughty!"

quickly!

Cecil was a caterpillar,
Cecil was my friend.
The next time I saw him
He was 32 centimetres
I said "Cecil, what happened?"
"I ate my mummy"
"Naughty, naughty!"



Cecil was a caterpillar,
Cecil was my friend.
The next time I saw him
He was 2 centimetres
I said "Cecil, what happened?"
....."I was sick!"

Little Tommy Tadpole -Rhyme

Little Tommy Tadpole
Began to weep and wail,
For Little Tommy Tadpole
Had lost his little tail!

His mother did not know him
As he sat upon a log,
For little Tommy Tadpole
Was now Mr. Thomas Frog!

*Growing every day-
sung to tune of "Jelly
on a plate"*

Growing every day,
Growing every day,
Every living thing on
earth
Is growing every day.
I am growing tall,
I used to be quite
small,
Getting stronger,
Bones are longer
Learning more and
more.

**I had a little cherry
stone -finger rhyme**

I had a little cherry stone
I put it in the ground.
And when next year I went
to look
A tiny shoot I found.
The shoot grew upwards day
by day,
And soon became a tree.
I picked the rosy cherries
then,
And ate them for my tea!

**If you should meet a gi-
ant-Rhyme**

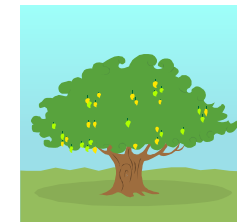
If you should meet a giant
Don't say, "You're very
tall!"
Or he might take you in his
hand,
And say, "You're very
small!"

Spring weather poem

Some days seem like winter,
Some are nice and warm.
Rainy days and windy days,
Maybe there'll be a storm.
Warm or cold or wet or dry,
What will the weather be?
I think Spring is trying to play
Peek-a-boo with me!

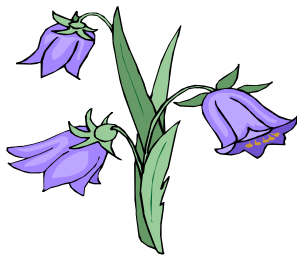
Dates for your diary:

- ◆ School finishes for Easter on Thursday 25th March. The summer term begins on Monday 12th April
- ◆ May 3rd, 28th and 31st are holidays for the children
- ◆ The school photographer is coming to take individual photos of the children and a group photo in the Nursery early in the summer term. All children will be photographed unless you request otherwise and you can decide, on viewing the proof, whether or not you wish to place an order. You will be advised of the date once it has been confirmed.
- ◆ We plan to visit Castle Archdale Woodland School on Tuesday 23rd March, and three Tuesdays in April – 13th, 20th and 27th. The children will, in particular, be looking out for signs of growth. Each child should bring a coat, should wear sensible footwear and should bring a small healthy snack e.g. half a round of sandwiches, some pieces of apple cut up in a container and a drink. They won't have time to eat any more than this. Please ensure that your child is at Nursery in good time on these mornings—the door will be open from 8:50 to allow a punctual departure at 9:10am. We will be back at Nursery at 12 noon.
- ◆ The quiz sheet prize draw will take place in the Nursery at 11:45 am on Friday 23rd April. We would like a good number of parents to be present for the draw please. Thank you.



How you can help this month

- ◆ Please send in to Nursery, as soon as possible, a photo of your child as a baby for our "Guess who" game
- ◆ Please remember to encourage your child to bring something for the colour and theme tables and to talk to them about this month's emotion -SURPRISED.
- ◆ Please sign your name on the parent helpers' rota if you have been vetted and you would like to help for one morning. Thank you
- ◆ You will be getting permission slip for trips to Castle Archdale -please fill in and return these as soon as possible.
- ◆ Please let us know if you wish to join us as a parent helper on any of our trips to Castle Archdale. Again, in the interests of the safety of all the children, only adults who have been vetted may accompany us.
- ◆ Look for signs of growth when you are out with your child and teach him/her not to pick flowers/buds etc
- ◆ Let your child surprise someone special with a bunch of flowers and discuss with him/her how receiving flowers will make that person feel.
- ◆ We hope that those of you who have already had Story-sacks have been enjoying using them with your child. We have had some very positive comments on the feedback sheets and appreciate you making the effort to fill these in. Unfortunately we have not yet had any offers of help to check back the contents of the sacks. This would require approximately an hour to an hour and a half of your Wednesday morning. Please let us know if you are able to help in this way.



FUNDRAISING

You should all have received, along with this Newsletter, details about arrangements for the forthcoming bowling competition. Please ask if you are unsure about anything. We are hoping that every family will sell at least 10 fundraising sheets—there are lots more available if you wish to sell more!—please ask. Entry forms have been sent out to bowling clubs—both local and further afield, but if you should require one for yourself or someone you know, more are available from Mr Gilliland.

