



# AUCKLAND COLLEGE EYFS NEWSLETTER



## Key Dates

- Good Friday - Fri 29th Mar
- Easter Sunday - Sun 31st Mar
- Easter Monday - Mon 1st Apr
- Holiday Club starts - Tues 2nd Apr
- Ramadan ends - Tues 9th Apr
- Eid ul-Fitr - Weds 10th Apr
- Inset Day - Mon 15th Apr
- Primary National Offer Day - Tues 16th Apr
- Term starts - Tues 16th Apr
- St. George's Day - Tues 23rd Apr
- Early May Bank Holiday - Mon 6th May
- VE Day - Weds 8th May
- Last day of term - Fri 24th May
- Spring Bank Holiday - Mon 27th May

## Message from the EYFS Team

What a wonderful half term we have had in the Early Years Department this Spring.

It has been wonderful to have seen all the celebrations that have taken place, as well as seeing the children experience a visit from a dinosaur in Reception, and a lovely visit from the Nursery chicks to all the Early Years classes.

I would like to thank everybody that has taken part in our Sponsored Bunny Bounce to raise funds for the PTA. It was a successful day, and the children enjoyed a visit from our very own Auckland Easter Bunny.

Have a wonderful Easter break!

Mrs Collins  
Assistant Head of EYFS



# Things to do in Liverpool over the Easter holidays!

- Easter Bunny Breakfast  
Dobbies, 29th March-1st April

- Easter Egg Hunt  
Church Farm, 29th March-14th April  
<https://www.churchfarmevents.co.uk/farmpark>

- Easter Adventure  
Otterspool Adventure, 29th-14th April  
<https://otterspooladventurecentre.co.uk/easteradventure/>

## Mini Egg Cookies

### Ingredients

- 175g butter
- 200g soft brown sugar
- 100g caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 250g plain flour
- 1/2 tsp bicarb of soda
- 50g white choc, chopped
- 100g dark choc, chopped
- 100g mini eggs, lightly crushed



### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/gas mark 5 and line two baking trays with baking paper.
2. Beat the butter and sugars together until light and fluffy, then add the egg and mix again. Add the flour, bicarb and a pinch of salt and mix to combine, before mixing in the chocolate chunks and half the crushed mini eggs.
3. Add 4-6 golf-ball sized scoops to the baking trays, leaving plenty of space between each one. Press the remaining mini eggs into the top of the scoops and bake for 15-18 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and leave for 10 minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely.

## Important Messages

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes in their bag every day. This should include at least two pairs of underwear and trousers/leggings, one top, one pair of socks and a pair of shoes (if there is room in your child's bag). This does not need to be uniform. Please do this even if your child is fully toilet trained, as they could still need changing if they fall in a puddle or spill something over themselves.

We encourage children to bring a morning snack to school. Please be aware that we have a 'nut free' policy and no nuts or products containing traces of nuts should be sent into school. Grapes should be cut in half length ways.



# Pre-Prep 1



PP1 started the half term with the topic of Space! The children loved playing in the Spaceship role play area, dressing up as astronauts and pretending to fly through space. They also enjoyed making play dough aliens in the tuff tray and making space dust as well.

We then moved on to learning all about Celebrations, including World Book Day, International Women's Day, Mother's Day, British Science Week and St. Patrick's Day. The children loved making Mother's Day cards to give to our loved ones and doing science experiments for British Science Week!

Our final topic of the half term was Spring and Easter. We learnt all about the seasonal changes we will see in the environment; why Easter is celebrated around the world and took part in an Easter Hunt around the classroom. We also did our Sponsored Bunny Bounce to raise money for the PTA. Thank you to everyone who took part!

In Phonics this half term, we have revisited the Level 2 sounds and tricky words, starting with the 's a t p i n' sounds. The children have also continued to develop their segmenting and blending skills. In Maths, we have been learning about positional language, such as 'in front', 'behind' and 'on top', and how to apply this knowledge in different contexts, including when describing a familiar route.

Well done for all your hard work this half term PP1!

Best wishes,  
Miss Mott

# Pre-Prep 2

PP2 have had lots to celebrate this term. We all loved dressing up as our favourite characters for World Book Day and joining in with our Sponsored Bunny Bounce!

At the beginning of the term, we focused on our topic 'The Circus'. We then moved on to the different celebrations happening around the school, such as Mother's Day (which coincided with International Women's Day) and Comic Relief. Finally, before the holidays we had a visit from the nursery's chicks for our 'Spring' topic.



In Phonics and Literacy, the children have been working very hard on writing their names with increasing independence. They are also continuing to make brilliant progress when segmenting and blending sounds in simple words to read what they say.

In Mathematics the children have been discussing and describing familiar routes as well as using positional language, by going on Easter egg hunts around school. This includes drawing maps of familiar and imaginative journeys.

In Expressive Arts and Design, the children have explored colour and colour-mixing with paint. Finally, our PE lessons have allowed the children to match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting. For example, they decide whether to crawl, walk or roll across a plank.



Miss Patterson



# Pre-Prep 3

PP3 have had another amazing half term this Spring. The children have taken part in a variety of celebrations, as well as progressing very well in all their lessons.

In Phonics, the children have been introduced to Level 3 sounds and digraphs and they are working very hard to learn them. The children have also been focusing on blending sounds to read words. We are using the Level 2 sounds to practice our blending skills to read CVC words, as well as reading tricky words by sight.

In Maths, the children have been learning about maps and routes. They have looked at world maps, local area maps, fairytale land maps, as well as creating their own.

Our topic has been a focus on Spring. The children have learnt all about the changes to the environment, what they may hear and see and why these changes occur. They have also been learning about chicks and their life cycle, and we were very lucky to have a visit from the Nursery chicks, so the children could see them firsthand and stroke them.

I look forward to the next half term's adventures!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Collins



# Reception



Wow, what a busy few weeks Reception Red and Yellow have had! We've had so much fun learning about Dinosaurs and Spring.

World Book Day was amazing, we loved seeing everyone all dressed up as their favourite characters.



We had a very exciting visit from a dinosaur friend a few weeks ago and we were super happy to see him. We had so much fun learning about him and other dinosaurs, we were so brave too, as he was very big and loud! Learning about fossils was really interesting and we really enjoyed being palaeontologists and digging them up. Some amazing homemade volcanoes were erupting too!



In Phonics, we are beginning to enjoy the challenge of learning Level 4 sounds, whilst re-capping the Level 3 sounds. Our confidence is growing with reading and writing – we can use pictures to help us form sentences independently. Some of us are even using connectives in our sentences!

In Maths we have been busy learning about 'more than' and 'less than'. We can confidently share items between groups and we are doing well with number bonds too!



Well done for a fantastic half term Reception, you've all been amazing! We're very proud of you all!

Miss Scholfield and Miss Lloyd

