



Caterpillar Newsletter - May 2022

We hope you're enjoying this warmer weather. We certainly are! Please send your child to Caterpillars with a sunhat each day. The sun is getting stronger now that summer is on its way!

Sunflower seedling

Last week we looked at the Life cycle of a Sunflower and planted our own Sunflowers. When your child's sunflower has turned into a seedling we will be sending it home for you to look after. Please help your child replant and look after this - it would be really nice to have photos and measurements of your sunflower as it grows. Then, at the end of the school term, there will be a prize for the tallest sunflower.

Blog

A reminder that, on a Friday, we write a weekly blog to share some of the learning that has been happening in Caterpillar class. If you have given permission for your child to appear on the school website, then you will see pictures of your child on the blog throughout the year. The link to the blog can be found at the top of the Caterpillar class page on Millbrook Primary School's website: <http://millbrook.swindon.sch.uk/class/caterpillar-pre-school/>. Alternatively, please click on this link for direct access to our blog: [https://sway.office.com/oRkTA1PCeT9a8IIIf?ref=Linkterpillar Blog 2 \(offiice.com\)](https://sway.office.com/oRkTA1PCeT9a8IIIf?ref=Linkterpillar%20Blog%202%20(offiice.com))

Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday 26th May, Caterpillars will be joining Ladybirds and Bumblebees to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We would like to ask **all Caterpillar** children to dress up as **Prince, Princesses, Kings or Queens or anything Royal**. We are going to have a playground party, parade through the school, do some royal dancing and eat sandwiches and cakes.

Design a Crown Competition

You will have received information about this by email/text. We are asking all children to get creative at home and design a crown fit for a Queen. The finished crowns need to be in school on Monday 23rd May.

Sports Day Friday 27th May

You will have received information about this by email/text.

Caterpillars races start at 1.00pm and finish at 1.15pm (prompt).

If your child does not normally attend on a Friday, you are welcome to bring them along to join us. Please let us know the day before and we will tell you where to meet us.

We would love parents to attend to cheer us on! Our sessions will run as normal but you are welcome to take your child home once they have raced - this can only be done at Caterpillar's main entrance. We ask politely that you do not take your children away from their line whilst we are outdoors.

Children need to come to Caterpillars dressed in appropriate clothing and footwear to run in.

Hats and sun cream will be needed if the weather is sunny.

For children that usually attend all day, please note that the kitchen will only be providing packed lunches (these need to be booked in advance). Please let a member of the Caterpillar team know if you are not providing your child with a packed lunch. Many families choose to have a picnic lunch on the field and all Caterpillar families are welcome to join in with this - please just let a member of the team know on the day - you can collect your child from our main door.

Transition sessions for those children moving to Millbrook's Reception in September - your child's shuffle up session will be either Monday 18th July or Tuesday 19th July during one of their normal Caterpillar sessions. In addition to this, your child will be popping into their new classroom and outside area informally over the next few months to get used to their new classroom and members of staff.

Caterpillar school trip - Please look out for a letter that will be going out about this next week.

Last day of term details and graduation details (for children moving on to Reception) - Information to follow in term 6.

Important dates

May Half Term - 30th May - 3rd June

Teacher Training Day - Monday 6th June