



# Gill Blowers Nursery News Leabank



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## Letter from the Head Teacher



This year has been challenging for all of us at Gill Blowers and equally as challenging for you as parents /carers. I am sure one thing we all wish is that the children hadn't missed so much time away from school. The staff have worked hard to provide home learning via live zoom lessons, recorded sessions on YouTube (these are still available) and home learning activities. When the children have been in school we have worked tirelessly to ensure the children have high quality play and learning experiences. We are all very proud of how well the children have coped over the past year and the progress they have made.

For the children moving onto school in September, this can be an exciting but anxious time for them and for you as parents /carers. The staff have been working with our feeder schools to ensure the transitions are as smooth as possible and doing lots of work in classroom to prepare the children for the expectation of their new schools. We are sad to say goodbye to your children and will miss them but we know they are ready for the next part of their journey.

For your children that remaining with us, we look forward to welcoming them back in September when hopefully restrictions will be eased and there will be limited disruption. At this time of year, the staff are always tired after a busy year, but, they are also excited about the new term and the plans they have put in place to ensure the children have a wonderful start to the new school year.

On behalf of the staff and Governors I would like to thank you for your support over the past year and hope you have a good summer break with your fabulous children.

Finally, I would like to say a fond farewell to Adam as he moves on to a new role, Adam has worked at Gill Blowers for many years and has always been a valued member of staff. We all wish Adam well and will miss him very much. I would also like to congratulate Launa for her promotion to Deputy Head, Launa has worked at Gill Blowers for a long time and deserves the success that reflects her commitment to the children and families.

Take Care

Jo Iddenden

Head Teacher



Our last day of term is **Friday 16th July**.  
We hope you have a wonderful summer. We  
will see you back **on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.





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## 2-3's Classroom

Wow! What a year we've had... despite the current circumstances we have still managed to give the children lots of different experiences.

We had a visit from Ducks that hatched in the 3-4s, we looked at them closely and held them. We spoke about the sounds they made, how they felt and what colours they were also had a conversation about what foods they like to eat in simple terms.



We have been involved in Science Week—learning about the environment around us - by doing various environment games in the garden, identifying and tallying what sounds we could hear. We participated in many fun science experiments such as; bi-carb vinegar volcano, lemon and bi-carb, float and sink activities, rain in a jar, cornflour experiments and many others to help support our natural senses. We had so much fun especially with the coke volcano!!!!!!!



Following on from our Science week and finding out about our natural world - we have been working together to plant seeds, herbs and vegetables in our garden. We have made sure we watered them every day and observed the changes we saw.

We have been using real tools; such as hammers, drills and screw drivers following directions from adult to ensure we kept ourselves safe. Johanna introduced us to a hacksaw, we knew we had to be extra careful using this new tool as it was very sharp.



We celebrated Cultural Day and shared our special family pictures at group time - we dressed up in our traditional cultural clothes and danced to different cultural music. At snack time we tasted different cultural foods which were absolutely delicious!

Of course we feel sad that it has come to an end of another year that we have to say goodbye to the children. However, we wish them all the best in the 3-4s or if they're joining another nursery we will miss you all!!

## 2-3s Room



## 3-4's Classroom

After a slow start to the year from yet another lockdown the children settled back in nursery extremely well.

We have had a very exciting term which has been full of different activities and experiences. One of these experiences was looking after and hatching duck eggs! Once the eggs had hatched the children helped to look after the ducks. They sang songs to them, read them stories and gave them a bath.



The children have shown resilience with the inconsistency of having to stay home and they have not let it effect them one bit! They have attended zoom meetings daily while being at home and they have been watching YouTube videos made by the members of staff!



The children this term have shown a lot of interest in the outside environment and nature. They have loved looking after and watering plants, looking after insects and finding out all about insects. They enjoyed it so much that they asked to have a bug party!

It has been a jam packed term full of excitement and we hope all the children have an amazing summer!

Good luck to the children starting school in September and we'll see you soon to the ones that are staying.

- Leabank 3-4 room

