



**Message from Mrs Kinsley** The children have settled beautifully into their new timetables and topics, and it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm in class. If you have any holiday homework hiding at home, we'd love for it to come in—our pupils are so proud to see their work displayed on the walls for everyone to enjoy. We're also thrilled to share some exciting news: our new projector and screen have been installed in the hall today! It's a final farewell to the old ripped screen and overheating projector, and we can't wait to put our shiny new setup to good use. Below, we have some examples of Nursery's work on Lunar New Year this week. The children are really enjoying our diversity project, Our World Our Stories and we'll be sharing different class's work with you each week. This month, every class has focused on the theme of New Beginnings, and it's been wonderful to see the children exploring it in so many creative ways. Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday.

### SAFE and HAPPY

This week in safety assembly, children were reintroduced to their class Worry Monsters and reminded how these can help them feel safe in school. Children can talk to their Worry Monster or write down a worry and post it into its mouth. Sometimes this alone is enough to ease smaller worries. We also explained that worries are checked by an adult, who can offer extra support if needed. The children shared some brilliant ideas about how Worry Monsters can help, particularly if they feel shy or nervous about speaking to an adult directly. All staff are trained to support children with worries, and we hope Worry Monsters provide another friendly way to help children feel safe and listened to in school.



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Reception enjoyed a winter experience with the Now Press Play headphones today—imagine a silent disco but with a topic theme—Year 1 and 2 will be trialling this next week too and we hope to be able to introduce it into the wider curriculum..

### LEARNING

As part of our Our World, Our Stories diversity project, the children have been learning about New Beginnings. For Nursery this has been an exploration of all the colours and magic of Lunar New Year!



### Diary Dates

Mon 19th Jan—Nursery parents' tour, leaflet [here](#)

Tues 20th Jan—[Autism Advisory Service](#) coffee morning at BOJ 9-9.30

Thursday 22nd Jan—Veganuary [Nourish](#) menu

Tues 27th Jan—Nursery parents' tour, leaflet [here](#)

Tues 27th Jan—CIS & BOJ School Board 5pm

Wed 4th Feb—Nursery tour

Fri 6th Feb—NSPCC Number Day—details tbc

w/b 9th Feb—Children's Mental Health Week

Tues 10th Feb—Safer Internet Day—AI assembly

Fri 13th Feb

break up for half term

### SEND coffee morning at BOJ

Parents and carers are invited to a coffee morning at BOJ on Tuesday 20th Jan 9-10 with the Autism Advisory Service (Bexley). This session will be particularly relevant for families of children with ASD or those on the pathway to a diagnosis. There will be time for questions, discussion, and a chance to meet other parents and carers. We hope to see you there.

