

## Training Dates for 2019/2020

We have had to revamp the way in which the agency offers training to its members. Following our Ofsted inspection last year, a recommendation was made that all members must attend training on child protection and safer caring every 3 years. First Aid training must also be renewed on a 3 yearly cycle.

Additionally, the online course on preventing radicalisation and extremism training was recommended for all. Thank you to everyone who has completed this training and sent your certificates to us. These have been filed in your training records.

The usual training information will be sent out but there will be fewer courses this year and we will be concentrating primarily on the mandatory courses and a couple of the courses which we have had to cancel in the recent past, which have not been run in the last few years. For foster carers, your training requirements will be discussed with you during your supervision meetings.

In lieu of the new training brochure, I have listed the courses below and the months which they are due to run. The first course is Safer Caring with the confirmed dates below - this is mandatory so please put it in your diaries. The remaining dates will be confirmed in the training brochure which will be sent out shortly.

**Safer Caring**

**14th and 15th May**

**10am 2.30pm**

**Working with Birth  
Families**

**July ( 2 days)**

**First Aid**

**September (2 days)**

**Child Protection**

**November (1 day)**

## Feedback

This newsletter was produced by Eartha Burke.

We hope that you enjoyed reading our newsletter and would appreciate your feedback and suggestions for future editions. Please send all comments to [eartha@talawafostering.com](mailto:eartha@talawafostering.com)



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# Agency News

*Dear friends and colleagues...*

Welcome to the latest edition of the Talawa Times.

It is lovely to see the magnolias and fruit trees that are now in blossom. It makes me feel that spring is truly sprung. I am hoping that unlike the last two years, frost does not wither the blossoms on the fruit trees, as I am looking forward to making Victoria and damson plum jam in the autumn.



Thank you to everyone for the kind support and good wishes I have received. I really do not do new years' resolutions; however, this year I resolved to get fit and healthy!

I was very sorry to have missed the first ever Talawa party in December. Due to the magic of FaceTime, I was able to see people looking FINE!!! and strutting their stuff on the dance floor, doing the electric slide to Cameo singing Candy. I did get to eat some of the leftovers, which were delicious.

Thank you to those who braved the atrocious weather to make it. There were not many foster carers, which is sad, as it is an opportunity for us to say thank you for the wonderful work that you do throughout the year.

Everyone that came said they really enjoyed it and had a good time. Caroline and Sian worked really hard to make the venue look beautiful and Beryl St James, the caterer did us proud.



Thank you also to Daniel and Kevin, who I am told did a fantastic job of playing the music and kept people on the dance floor.

I believe that you can see pictures of the events on our website as well as in this edition.

## Training

The new training brochure will be out in April. This year, we will be running fewer courses than we have done in previous years and

we hope that people will make a greater effort to attend training, particularly as virtually all of which will be mandatory.

The courses are also listed at the back of this brochure.

# Easter Word Search

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# Take a break.....

Time to put your feet up with the monster Sudoku with numbers 1-25, and the usual feature word search with an Easter theme. Good luck!

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## Staffing



Eartha is currently working with us on a part-time basis, as she is also working with Sian in the charities, 'Purposeful' and 'With and for Girls' and she has just recently travelled with the charities to Sierra Leone. We have planned carefully to ensure that normal service is continuing in her absence, so hopefully, it will be business as usual for everyone.

Congratulations also to Eartha who has become a grandma to a beautiful baby boy named Louis. We wish her all the joys of grand parenting and send our best wishes to the baby's parents. It is lovely to have such good news.



## Recruitment

We will be having a recruitment stall in Walthamstow from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May and would be very happy if any carers has some time to spare to come and be with us on the stall to talk to people about fostering. We really need more foster carers and any help you can give us will be gratefully appreciated.



## Summer trip

We have not had a summer trip for a couple of years and we are considering it. If you have any ideas and suggestions, please let me know.

My very best wishes to everyone

Registered Manager



# Talawa Needs New Foster Carers

This is an urgent appeal for new foster carers. Do you know of anyone in your networks that you believe will make a good foster carer?

## Some interesting facts:

Each year we receive between 9,500 to 10,000 from all the 8 authorities that are part of the North London Efficiency Group who have approved us as a fostering provider. We also received approximately 1,600 referrals from other local authorities who because of our excellent reputation have used us before and were impressed with the quality of our foster carers.

On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 - 75,420 children were in the care of local authorities, up 4% on 31 March 2017 the rate of looked after children per 10,000 children under 18 years was 64

## Placements - On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018:

- 73% (55,200) of children looked after were living with foster carers
- 11% (8,530) were living in secure units, children's homes or semi-independent living
- 6% (4,700) were placed with their parents
- 3% (2,230) were placed for adoption
- 4% (3,100) were with another placement in the community
- 2% (1,230) were placed in residential schools or other residential settings

Research makes it clear how beneficial on a long term basis most foster placements are to children and young people and offers them ongoing continuity and stability, even after they are no longer looked after by their foster carers. Currently the demand for foster carers far outstrips supply. Talawa has always taken the approach of having quality over quantity in terms of the carers we approve. We want carers who can meet the complex needs of the children and at the same time provide them with warm and nurturing care.

## The shortage of foster carers

At present there are difficulties in recruiting sufficient foster carers in order to provide placement choice. It is important to note that about 80 per cent of initial enquiries amount to nothing. Talawa spends a lot of time, energy and resources trying to recruit new carers. At least 2 agencies have told us that they wished all of their placements were with Talawa foster carers as they know they can rely on the quality of care that will be provided to their child or young person.

We have some of the happiest foster carers, with 8 out of 10 carers planning to foster with us for at least another 5 years.

## What our carers say about fostering for Talawa

*'I am passionate about trying to better children's and young people's lives, endeavouring to improve their self esteem and their futures.'*

*'Fostering is really rewarding; meeting so many young people helping them on their journey being an advocate, so they were heard. Taking them to places they had never been; teaching new skills to them; helping them to move on with their lives; talking to teachers when there were problems, as they would find it hard to trust people. The hardest part of fostering is saying goodbye when they move on.'*

*'I find foster caring a very rewarding job. It can be stressful sometimes and hard. The good outcomes outweigh the bad though. It can be a very challenging role and you have to be able to sometimes try and be a bit detached as, as a foster carer you have to remember the child won't be with you forever.'*

*'Being loved unconditionally by a child who has been hurt and being trusted by a child who has no reason to trust an adult is extremely rewarding.'*

*'We feel well supported by Talawa and know that they are always there when we need them at any time of the day or night.'*



# Christmas with Talawa

The Talawa family celebrated Christmas with a difference this year, with a slap up buffet meal, music by DJs and lots of dancing. Even though the turnout was not as high as we were expecting, a good time was had by all. Check out some of the photos!!



## What does Ofsted says about Talawa?

- Children and young people experience stability and enjoy having a good family life.*
- Children and young people receive good-quality care that is sensitive to the full range of their needs and their potential.*
- Children and young people make good progress in all areas of their lives.*
- Children and young people have excellent school attendance and make good educational progress from their starting points.*
- The agency's therapeutic support enhances the emotional well-being of children and young people.*
- The agency provides effective parent and child placements and placements for children who have disabilities*



We are looking for foster carers who are not just able to provide a loving and stable home, there's also the opportunity to make great friends and be a part of a supportive and friendly fostering community. If you know anyone who is interested, they must be energetic families who are passionate about children and who want to offer stable, loving and supportive family homes to children who are unable to live with their birth family and could really make a big difference to a child's life.

### As you will know, anyone interested must have:

- a spare room bedroom
- a good level of availability
- passion for helping children

From your own experience, you will be able to tell them that fostering isn't always easy, like anything worth doing in life, it takes hard work, but it is *amazing*.

### In return, they will receive:

- Fostering fees and allowances up to £800 per week (per child in placement depending on age and type of placement)
- Extensive training opportunities
- Good social work support and visits from a member of the fostering team at least fortnightly at the start of new placements – more if carers are having difficulties with their placement
- Therapeutic support from experienced qualified therapists
- 24-hour help and advice line
- Access to an experienced mentor, who can offer advice and support
- Membership of the FosterTalk

Talawa pays a finder's fee of £500 to a person who recommends someone once they become approved and have their first placement.

### We hope you will spread the word and help us to recruit more carers!





**We need foster carers for mothers and their babies, siblings and children of all ages (0-18). We seek carers from all sections of the community to support children through difficult times in their lives and provide them with a safe and nurturing home.**

**We will be at the Walthamstow Mall, E17 7JR (outside Boots) on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May.**

**If you know anyone who is interested, why not ask them to come and speak to one of our friendly, experienced staff to find out more about fostering.**



## Easter Fun in the Kitchen

I love the really easy recipes which require no cooking! Your little ones will enjoy the simplicity and so will you! There are only three main ingredients... coco pops, mars bars and butter with the use of a microwave and kitchen scales.

### Easter Nests

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups of coco pops
- 3 mars bars
- 60 grams of butter
- Sprinkles
- Small chocolate eggs



#### Instructions

1. Use cooking spray or butter to coat the inside of a muffin tin, make sure you grease each cup really well so your nests don't stick.
2. Chop the butter and Mars bars into small pieces and place them in a large microwave safe bowl.
3. Microwave for 30 seconds then mix the melted butter and Mars bars together.
4. Microwave for another 10 seconds if the Mars bars need a bit more melting – the nougat part won't melt completely, don't worry about that!
5. Add the coco pops to the melted Mars bars and butter, and mix until the coco pops are well coated.
6. Put spoonfuls of mixture into the muffin tin, pressing down firmly to create a nest shape with a nice indent in the middle for your eggs.
7. Shake some sprinkles onto each nest and put them in the fridge for half an hour.



# Easter Fun in the Kitchen

If you're having a day at home with the little ones but still want to keep them entertained, there's nothing more satisfying than making something together, whether it be in the kitchen or arts and crafts. Once they have finished it the look of pride on their faces is priceless! Children love chocolate at any time of the year, let alone Easter, so why not spend some time in the kitchen creating some of these delicious ideas!!

## Easter Egg Brownies

### Ingredients

- 185g unsalted butter, cut into small chunks, plus extra for greasing
- 185g best dark chocolate, broken into pieces
- 3 large eggs
- 275g golden caster sugar
- 40g cocoa powder
- 5 fondant filled eggs (such as Cadburys Crème eggs)
- 150g mini eggs (you can use a mixture of smarties and mini eggs)
- Optional—fluffy chenille Easter chicks to decorate



### Instructions

1. Put the butter and the chocolate in a medium-sized heatproof bowl and set over a pan of simmering water, stirring occasionally until melted. Alternatively, cover the bowl loosely with cling film and microwave at 30 sec intervals until melted. Leave the melted chocolate mixture to cool to room temperature.
2. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease a 20cm square tin with butter and line with 2 long strips of folded baking paper or foil – one running top to bottom, the other left to right then line the base line the base with a piece of baking paper. The strips will help you lift it out later.
3. Break the eggs into a large bowl and tip in the caster sugar. With an electric mixer on maximum speed, whisk the eggs and sugar for around 5-8 mins or until they look thick and creamy and have doubled in size.
4. Pour the cooled chocolate mixture over the egg mixture, then gently fold together.
5. Sieve the flour and cocoa into the wet ingredients then continue to fold the mixture gently with a spatula just until everything is fully combined, try not to over-mix.
6. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and carefully level the mixture with the spatula. Put in the middle of the oven and bake for 20 minutes.
7. Meanwhile, cut the fondant filled eggs in half and set aside then place the mini eggs into a pestle and mortar. Crush a few of the mini eggs but leave some whole. After 20 mins take the brownie out of the oven and press in the fondant eggs, cut side up. Scatter over half of the mini eggs too, then put it back in the oven for a further 5 mins.
8. Once baked, top with the remaining mini eggs, leave to cool completely then place in the fridge for about 1hr to firm up.
9. Lift it out of the tin using the strips of baking paper and cut into squares to serve.
10. Decorate with little Easter chicks if you like!

# Talawa Talents!

I am happy to announce that the next two articles are from our very own Talawa family!! If you would like to write a piece for a future edition of the *Talawa Times*, please get in touch! It could be that you, or someone in your household would like to share some information, a talent, a service, a poem or a story!!

It would be great if we could make this a regular feature. Send your contributions and photographs to [eartha@talawafostering.com](mailto:eartha@talawafostering.com).

## The Sikh Religion - by Lily



Hello, my name is Lily and I have written this article to tell you about the Sikh religion.

I went on a trip with my school to a Sikh temple in New Southgate. In Year 5 me and my classmates are learning about the Sikh religion, so we went to a Sikh temple to find out more. The temple was so big and so beautiful! To show respect, we entered quietly and softly. Because of Sikh rules, we had to take off our shoes and cover our heads before we entered the room where the talk was to be given. We all sat down on a stretch of white carpet (even the teachers!) because of the Sikh belief that everyone is equal. Here are some fun facts that I learnt from my school trip:

- ◆ There are three main beliefs: meditation/prayer, working hard and sharing.
- ◆ It is the youngest religion and originated in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.
- ◆ They have the 5Ks which they always carry with them: a bracelet (the everlasting circle), a dagger (which they only use for self-defence), a pair of boxer shorts, a comb, and a turban. They are called the 5Ks because they all start with K in the Sikh language.
- ◆ They don't cut their hair. . . EVER! That is because Sikhs believe that their hair is a gift from God so why damage it?
- ◆ They carry the comb underneath their turban because they must clean their hair twice a day.
- ◆ They can only wear a turban once they are baptised. Children wear a handkerchief on their head as a substitute.
- ◆ Sikhs are baptised once they know the meaning of the word Sikh and they can recite a part of their bible.
- ◆ Sikh means a student/learner.
- ◆ Sikhs are all over the world!
- ◆ Sikhs believe there is only one god.
- ◆ Sikhs aren't the only religion who wear turbans.
- ◆ Sikhs are vegetarians.
- ◆ Sikhs believe that everyone is equal.
- ◆ In every temple there is a free kitchen where anyone can have a hot meal!

When the talk had finished, we went into the kitchen to have a biscuit and a drink. The people there were very kind and thoughtful, they even made all the adults a cup of tea! The art and design inside this building was amazing. When I went into the kitchen, 2 ladies were making the dinner for other people who may come to the free kitchen to have a meal. It smelled amazing!

I hope you have taken in all that I have written and are now experts! I hope you have enjoyed my article and have learnt something new.



*Our huge thanks to Lily, (daughter of our colleague Rachael Redican) for this well written article!*

# Islamic Culture

Ramadan starts this year on 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

Ramadan is the most sacred month of the year in the Islamic culture. Muslims use the month of Ramadan to thank Allah for all that he has given to us. During Ramadan Muslims fast, this means abstaining from pleasures and pray to become closer to God. It is also a time for families to gather and celebrate.



During Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. In Islam we follow the lunar calendar which means the summer fast is a very... very... very... long day (i.e 18 hours) and in winter is a short fast (around 8 hours). Fasting is not only about abstaining from food and drink; we must also refrain from smoking, gossip, back-biting, lying, fighting and other bad habits which are of bad character which are damaging to our families and ourselves.

In our opinion it helps us to have self-control and appreciation of what we are blessed with. Even the simplest of things like abundance of food, clean water, good health, roof over our heads and most importantly being surrounded by good family and friends.

A Muslim child can begin to practice to fast when reaching puberty. There are exemptions, such as those who are ill or frail; women who are pregnant or breastfeeding; menstruating or travelling.



Fasting during Ramadan is a time for Muslims to commit themselves more to God and render "great services to the community in terms of helping the poor, assisting the needy and sharing whatever one has with others". You'll find Muslims are generally more kind, tolerant and active during Ramadan, because they tend to celebrate each Ramadan as if it were their last in order to ensure that Allah will pardon them for any sins they have committed.



Muslims intending to fast wake up early and eat a light meal, known as sehri, before dawn. Sehri is typically consumed about half an hour before dawn, in time for the fair prayers. After the sun fully sets at the end of each day, the person typically opens his or her fast with water and dates, followed by prayers and then a meal called iftar.

# Easter Savings

Remember also, that being a member of "FosterTalk" entitles you to some great savings. From holidays, days out and general every day goodies, there's a discount which will help to make your pennies go further.

**Savings this spring**

**Great everyday savings**

 B&Q 6.5% off	 Halfords 7% off	 Sports Direct 4.5% off	 Primark 6.5% off
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**Spring days out**

 Blackpool Pleasure Beach Up to 46% off	 Sea Life Up to 40% off	 Legoland Up to 48% off	 Warwick Castle 58% off
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**Holiday offers**

 Jet2holidays £25 off	 Butlins £20 off	 Haven Up to 10% off	 Thomas Cook 5% off
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To access member discounts, log into the members' area on FosterTalk's website, [www.fostertalk.org](http://www.fostertalk.org) and follow these steps.

- Step 1 - click on 'Discounts and Communications'
- Step 2 - Go to FosterTalk members discounts
- Step 3 - Click 'Start Shopping and click 'OK'
- Step 4 - Use the search bar to type in the discount that you are interested in
- Step 5 - Depending on the discount you choose—click 'get this offer' and follow the instructions to purchase the discount.

# Easter Fun

This year, Good Friday is on April 19th, Easter Sunday is on the 21st with Easter Monday on 22nd. That's two days off work for those of us who work Monday to Friday and you can enjoy your first long weekend of the year!

You can of course choose to drench yourself in all things chocolate for those four days, but I plan to get out and about and make the most of some of the fabulous things to do in London. Whatever the composition of your family, little or big ones, there's lots to choose from including time just for yourselves as grown ups. So why not take a look at a few Easter events which includes some cultural inspiration as well!!

## Cadburys Easter Egg Hunts



Once again, Cadburys have teamed up with the National Trust to engage your little ones in the usual Easter Egg hunts.

These hunts are taking place all over the UK.

The best way to find your nearest egg trail is to visit their website:

<https://easter.cadbury.co.uk/#join-the-easter-egg-hunt>

Type your post code into the search bar and all of the local hunts will be displayed!

**FIND YOUR NEAREST CADBURY EASTER EGG HUNT**

Bunny's been up to mischief again, hiding clues throughout National Trust and National Trust for Scotland locations across the UK, leading Easter egg hunters to delicious choccy treats!

With a few clues to crack along the way, it's time to join the Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt and enjoy the fun!

At the end of Ramadan, spiritual celebration known as Eid al-Fitr occurs. During this time, Muslims rejoice in the completion of the fast. Family members and friends gather to share in feasts and prayers.

During Eid al-Fitr, it is customary to donate to the poor and disadvantaged. Muslims attend prayers in the morning, and then visit family, friends, neighbours, the sick and the elderly. Feasts are shared with family and friends and small gifts are given; it's socially similar to Christmas.

EID should be around 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> June this year 2019, depending on the sighting of the moon.

## EID at the Ahmed's..

Mrs Ahmed will be up in the early hours to get the food ready for the day, there will be starters, main courses and dessert to cook. So much to do with such little time!

Mr Ahmed will get ready, have a shower, put on his Eid clothes on and his best after shave and his Eid hat. He will meet up with his brothers and go to our local Mosque, where they will say their special Eid prayers (like Christmas mass).



Meanwhile, Mrs Ahmed and the girls will have a few dishes ready on the table for their return. We all say a small prayer together to say thanks to Allah for blessing our homes and family. We have a very light breakfast as its feels odd eating at this early hour. The men/boys then will go to everyone's homes and do the same again.



The girls will get all glammed up and be ready for the day. Once Mr Ahmed is back, he will give our Eid gifts, sometimes there are many lovely presents and or money!

We then go over to a visit cousins and family throughout the day, where we have MORE delicious food and more gifts and have more fun! In our family NO ONE is allowed to say 'NO' to food on EID, they must have at least a small helping, so we are fed till we pop, by the end of the day!

At the end of the day, we put our little darlings to bed. While we both have cup of tea and put our feet up and get ready to do it all over again!

The following day, we have Mr Ahmed's family over for big lunch and tea. All the kids can play while the adults eat some more and catch up with everyone.

In the evening, Mrs Ahmed's family is also invited over for early dinner and we have a fireworks party for the kids.

*'Talawa thanks' to our foster carers Taslim and Mukhtar for this wonderfully informative article.*

# Easter Crafts

Here are some easy to do ideas to fill your time with the little ones when you're at home. Children love to make things so go on...try this..!!



## Easter Wreath

### You will need:

- Paper plate
- Spring and Easter themed/colored paper
- Glue
- Glue Dots
- Ribbon (This is a 7/8" wide craft ribbon)
- Egg Cookie Cutter or oval cookie cutter
- Scissors

Note on cookie cutter: the cookie cutter used for this project was for 4 inches high and 3 inches across the middle the inside of the cookie cutter was traced.

## Directions

1. Cut the inner portion from the paper plate, so that your have the outer portion intact.
2. If your paper has a design on it, turn it over and trace the cookie cutter onto the paper for a template
3. Cut a piece of ribbon, make a bow, use a glue dot, and attach to the top of the wreath.
4. Put the eggs from the paper and glue onto the back of the paper plate wreath.
5. Cut another piece of ribbon, form a loop, use a glue dot, and attach to the back of the wreath.
6. Hang and enjoy for Easter.



# Easter Crafts

How about getting the children to help create a beautiful Easter centrepiece for your table? It will not only be eye-catching, there's also a big bonus!!

## You will need:

- One large vase
- One smaller vase which fits into the larger one
- Sweets and or chocolates of your choice
- Bunch of flowers



Place the smaller vase into the large one and fill with sweets/chocolates of your choice. You can build it up as much as you wish, you can use wrapped or unwrapped sweets.



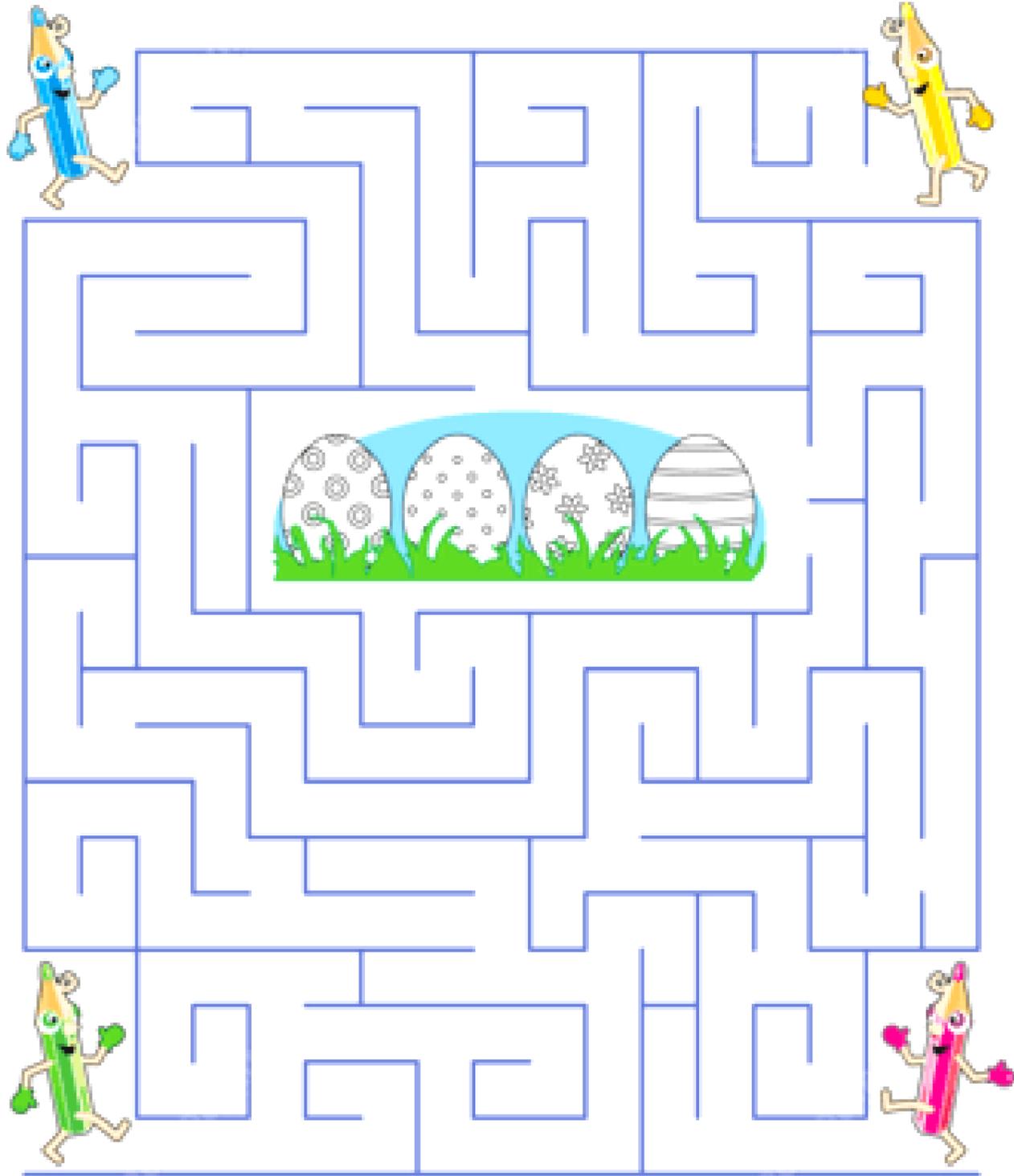
Put some water in the small vase and cut the flowers to size. If your little ones can use the scissors they can cut the flowers, otherwise you can do this for them and they can place the flowers in the vase.



The finished display will look something like this! You can use any flowers with any combination of colours - and when it's all over the bonus will be that the kids can eat the sweets!!

# Easter Maze

Can you get each of the pencils to the Easter eggs and then colour them in?



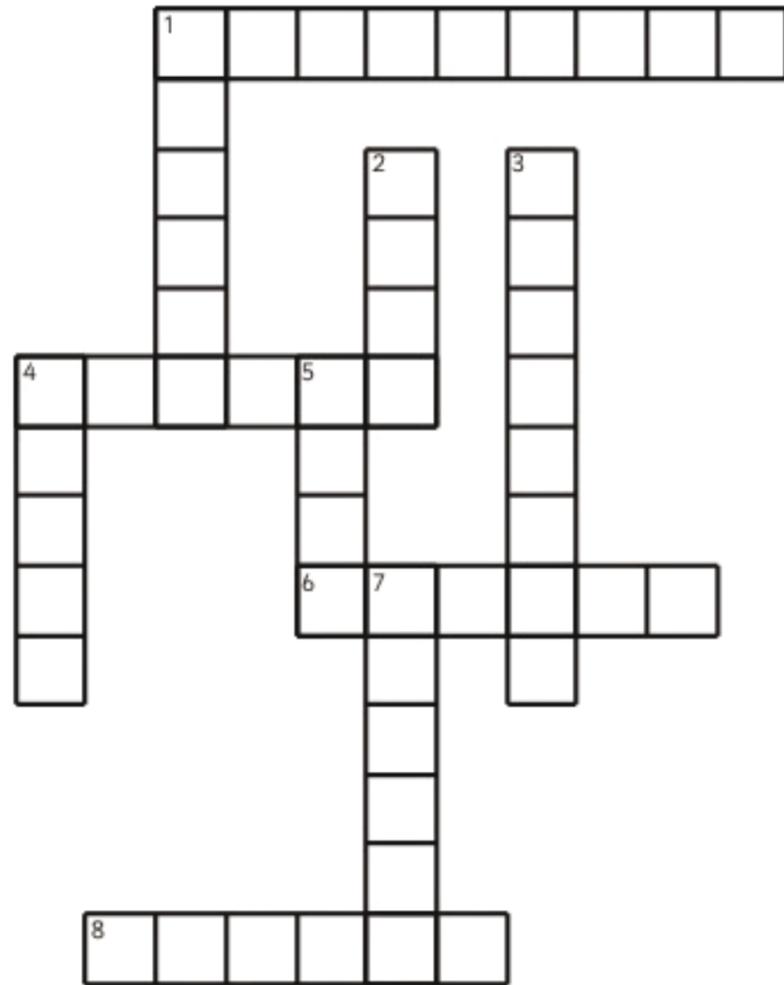
# Easter Kid's Corner!!

Colour me in!!



# Easter Crossword

Complete the crossword using the list of clues and the words!



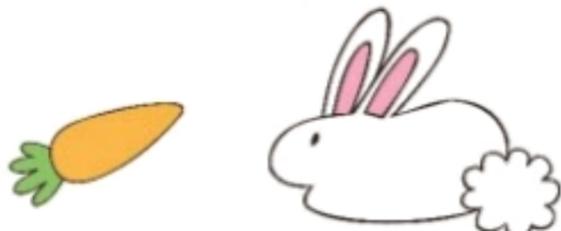
- basket
- bonnet
- bunny
- chicks
- chocolate
- daffodil
- eggs
- hunt
- parade
- spring

### Across

1. Easter eggs are often made out of this treat!
4. Collect your eggs in this.
6. The season in which Easter is celebrated.
8. You may wear one in the Easter parade.

### Down

1. These hatch out of real eggs.
2. You may go on an Easter egg ...
3. Cheerful, yellow spring flower.
4. Will he visit you this year?
5. We give chocolate ones at Easter.
7. Show off your Easter bonnet at one!



# Easter Word Search

Try to find the winter words from the list below..Good luck!!



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|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Basket    | Dye        | Lily      |
| Bonnet    | Easter     | Parade    |
| Bunny     | Egg Hunt   | Peeps     |
| Candy     | Eggs       | Rabbit    |
| Chicks    | Family     | Spring    |
| Chocolate | Flowers    | Sunday    |
| Daffodil  | Grass      | Tradition |
| Decorate  | Happy      | Tulips    |
| Ducks     | Jellybeans |           |

