

October Newsletter

Dear All,

Another super-busy month for both the Toddlers and the Babies had passed. What an exciting month it was!

Our main theme over the month was Halloween. All our children had lots of fun creating their very own and unique decorations for that day. These included:

- Black cats - baby room sticking activity, where the children got to 'build' their own black cats using pre-cut body parts,
- Paper plate pumpkins - which our babies painted orange and stuck on spooky faces,
- Halloween confetti collage - baby room sticking activity,
- Skeletons - these were created in our baby room with white paint and cotton buds,
- Ghosts - which our babies made with white paint, white tissue paper and googly eyes,
- Haunted box painting - our youngest did a group activity, where they all had brushes and paint and one big box to make into a scary mansion,
- Spiders - the babies used paper bawls and the toddlers used their handprints to create their scary/ funny spiders,
- Witches' hats - these were made of triangular pieces of paper, painted black and sprinkled with glitter (baby room). The toddlers used ice-cream cones and icing!
- Pumpkin curving - this took place in our toddler room. It was hard work to carve the pumpkin and to get the seeds out, but it was a very interesting sensory experience when we got to feel the slimy interior



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Jodie did Halloween themed singing and dancing sessions; she changed many of our favourite songs/ rhymes to make them very, very spooky! All our children in the toddler room enjoyed listening to and joining in with some scary stories too!

What a super fun it was!



Dressing up day was a super-fun day with lots of children bringing and wearing their favourite costumes. Most of the nursery staff did so too!!! This must mean there is absolutely no person who does not like dressing up, is there? And simply because it is the most amazing thing you can do...and we get to do it daily!!!

The rooms were decorated with glow in the dark eyes, balloons, inflatable Bats and ghosts, and spider webs! It felt really, really spooky!

At the end of that day we had a Halloween themed Tea with pumpkin soup and delicious green and orange cupcakes made by Kristina! Yummy!



Another very exciting event took place on the same day in the toddler room. Some of our children visited the Fire Station! The other group will go on the 6th December.

The children listened to the firemen/women talk about their job. And what an exciting one it truly is! We all had a turn with sitting in the fire engine and we sprayed water from the water hose as we practiced to put the fire out! Everybody got to be a favourite and amazing Fireman Sam on that day!



October and its unpredictable weather gave us a lot of opportunities to discover, observe, talk and experiment with the many changes in the environment. We now know the days are shorter as it gets dark before our Tea is served - already! We know it is a cold season as we can feel the chills even though our teachers wrap us warm in our thick coats...and even scarves, hats and gloves find their way into our nursery bags!

Despite the cold days, our children loved to use the outdoors as often as they could. Alongside their usual activities and play areas they favoured this month the leaves! Absolutely all enjoyed playing with the leaves in our nursery garden. All sorts of plays took place in October - from leaves sweeping and collecting in bags, leaves throwing and watching them fall to making factual observations about the different colours and sizes, and how some leaves are softer than others! Our Babies and Toddlers collected some to create a beautiful display in each room. Come and see!





Other ideas we had for our messy play in October were:

- Conker printing,
- Shaving foam mixed with other textures (eg. cornflakes!),
- Mouldable soap with ginger (smelled delicious!),
- Blowing bubbles through straws,
- Painting,
- Art activities using glitter and glue, and magazines,
- Spaghetti play.

October was a very busy month for the Baby Room, as there were many children settling into our setting. We welcomed **Rafael, Felix, Imogen, Evelyn, Eleanor, Beatrice** and **Josephine**. We hope all the parents of our newbies are now as settled into their new routines as their children are at nursery. Welcome on board!

The Toddler Room would like to say a warm welcome to **Ayden** who returned to us after a short break. The toddlers would also like to welcome **Asher, Irene** and **Gemma** who just moved down from the baby room. We hope you have lots and lots of fun in your new room!

We would also like to say **Happy Birthday** to **Felix G.** and **Marley** who turned 2 this October. The Baby Room sang their 'Happy Birthday' to **Josephine** who turned 1 this month.

Some final notes/ reminders:

We are slowly preparing for Christmas which means you'll be hearing your children humming some festive songs! We are planning on organising our usual 'Christmas get together' and we hope to see you all then. As soon as we have a date for that event we will let you know via email.

When given your child's 'Learning Journey' folder for review, please remember to return on your child's next attending day. We also appreciate the comments that have been added. PLEASE again note the importance of returning the folder when your child attends nursery. The folder must be present on the premises of the nursery the same days that your children attend. We may need to ask you to return home and get it, if it has been forgotten. Toddlers who have homework bags, please bring them into nursery when the children attend so that homework can be given out.

If your child's 2-year health check is coming up, please inform your child's key worker as they also have a 2-year assessment that can be taken along with you to help aid the health visitor.

The weather is changing now please ensure children are dressed warmly and bring in coats, waterproofs, wellies so they can continue to enjoy the garden as the weather changes.

A reminder to parents, if you would like a detailed feedback from the staff please be on time or we will be unable to do so. In which case please feel free to ask the staff about your child's day, the following day that they are in Nursery. The nursery opens at 8am and closes at 6pm, any time past these hours is our overtime, which means that the early drop off/ late pick up fees apply. Please refer to our terms and conditions.

Please be aware of the policy regarding the prescribed medicines and calpol. When administering calpol a phone call to the parents/carers will first be made and then the child will need to be picked up. Medications need to have the child's name on them and be prescribed by a doctor.

We would also like to remind you that 48 hours from the last incident of any sickness or diarrhoea is the exclusion time.

Please ensure your child has plenty of change of clothes as mud is a more likely conclusion to the outside play as the weather grows wetter. And for those little toddlers who are potty training, please ensure there are plenty of change of clothes because accidents do occur.

The baby room would also like to mention that Breakfast Time does start at 8.40am so please be on time if you wish your child to participate. The same goes for lunch which starts at 11:45am and tea which is at 4:45pm.

There are still some family photos missing from our growing displays. Please bring in/ email pictures as soon as possible. And for those who now have a new member to their family we would enjoy adding an updated photo.

If you are running late or your child will not be attending Nursery or will be leaving early, please let us know ASAP.

Please remember to sign your child in/out on the register by the entrance of each room.

Please label your child's clothing and belongings. Please feel free to check the lost property box for any items that may have been misplaced.