

FAMILY NEWS

December 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a busy month we had in November, time is flying and Christmas is almost here. We would love to bring the Christmas Spirit as much as possible so please wear your Christmas themed clothes or accessories all through out the month. Christmas Jumper Day is the 10th December this year so we can't wait to see any extra special items you may have.

In November we not only had some new team members start in Pre-School Study but one of our own team won an amazing award, as you may have seen Catherine Luxford was nominated for Personality of the Year at the NMT. Well Done Catherine.



We would like to remind parents that as the weather has turned please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and that the coats, hats, gloves are labelled, some children may have matching items and while all children have their own pegs things can get mixed up so a name in the clothes is very helpful.

We have a few events planned for the month of December so checkout the Dates for the Diary.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 4th December
Christmas Fayre 10am-2pm

Tuesday 7th December
Frances Wohler is coming in to read her story 'The Quirky Turkey'

Friday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 16th December
Christmas Dinner (for the children)

Friday 17th December
Christmas Party



The Baby Snug

The children in baby snug have been gaining new skills this month and have even been doing some cooking.

Brownies were on the menu and to make sure that it child friendly Catherine found a healthy recipe that used banana to sweeten it. Not only were the children mixing with a spoon but they were encouraged to use a plastic knife to cut the soft banana, and great activity to build on new skills.

The children also enjoyed the fireworks and to be safe watched the sparklers from a safe distance, and then creating their very own fireworks pictures using plenty of glitter. We look forward to plenty more glitter when the Christmas activities begin.

The Toddler Den

In Toddler Den we are developing and learning skills all the time and this month our teachers have been helping us to learn even more new things. We have been washing babies clothes in water play and using pegs to hang the clothes up on the washing line.

We have been honing our driving skills too, using big movements in the garden to 'drive around the road' outside. And we have even been playing basketball, this was lots of fun. Using a chalk basket ball net we were able to develop our throwing, catching and hand eye co-ordination.

The Pre-School Study

Our Pre-School children are learning to be reflective of their feelings and emotions, we have introduced a colour monster to help us recognise our feelings and the monster toy and the book are helping us to communicate how we are feeling and how to help our friends if they are feeling a certain way.

We too have been very creative and have been using our skills to create our own poppies for Remembrance day, Pudsey Ears for Children in Need and even our own Fireworks.

The Pre-School children have also been busy in the garden building with the wooden bricks, developing their balancing and gross motor skills with the wooden structures.

COVID Protocols

We are continuing to take the following precautions to minimise the spread of covid within our nurseries:

- All staff are continuing to lateral flow test twice weekly
- Good hygiene procedures remain in place; appropriate cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated,
- Anyone with signs and symptoms, particularly a temperature, are to not attend the setting until a negative PCR result is confirmed and emailed. This is to support prompt isolation of suspected cases.
- Encouraging vaccination uptake for eligible students and staff.
- Checking the temperature of anyone entering the nursery.
- Masks to be worn by parents and visitors who enter the building.

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