

# FAMILY NEWS

October 2021



## We have had a busy month in September welcoming lots of new children to the nursery.

Some of the children who already attend have been a huge support for these children and it is lovely to hear children saying, "come with me I will help you" and "don't worry mummy will not be long". Such an amazing group of children really showing maturity, empathy, and kindness.

As the weather is turning, please can I ask that children are wearing appropriate clothing, children need hats, scarf, gloves, and coats, also wellie boots as and when required. We spend a lot of our sessions out in the garden, so it is important to make sure we are well equipped.

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.

## Dates for your diary

### Space week

4th October - 10th October

### World animal day

4th October

### World mental health day

10th October

### Halloween

31st October

### Dress up day

29th October

### Christmas fayre

4th December



### Baby Snug

Babies have been exploring and discovering new fruits and vegetables. We have been looking at the colours and using our senses to smell, taste and touch. We have been developing the baby's language base with words such as hard, soft, sweet, sour and sharp.

Banana proved to be the fruit of choice so we asked George our chef if we can make a smoothie. The children helped cut the banana and add to the bowl and even tried the electric whisk, the best part of this activity was tasting what we had created.

Also in the baby room one of our children is really interested in Winnie the pooh, so we themed a day around this. We dressed up and explored varying activities during the day that were Winnie the pooh themed, Even our snacks were tiggers tails and Eeyore's house. We spoke about where honey comes from and had some honey sandwiches for tea. We had so many leaning opportunities this day, all doing something we love.

### Toddler Den

We have also been exploring change by using bath bombs, this provided a great opportunity to make predictions and see what happens. We asked all the children to use their senses to look and touch the bath bomb, we then asked what do you think might happen when we place in the water? We had several answers one said it will 'fizzle' one said it will 'roll' and another said 'disappear'. Great predictions from the children.

We also looked at the leaves and trees in the garden and decided to come back in the room and paint our mater pieces, we used autumn colours and the children used their hands to create leaves, the children were extremely creative and some lovely sharing, group work and creativity was seen.

### Pre School study

What better time to talk about change than now! The transition from summer to Autumn opens so many learning opportunities. We have had lots of discussions about what has changed including the weather, leaves on trees and the need for warmer clothing. We have been looking at Autumn colours and exploring this through our play and using story books.

We had an amazing surprise when we went into the garden last week, we have grown our very own pumpkins!! The children came straight into me to show me what has happened and produced 3 lovely pumpkins. We spoke about where they came from? I questioned the children, did they just pop to the supermarket for them? Of course, in quite loud voices was told they have grown them all by themselves in the garden, very proud children and so they should be. We explored the pumpkins in play and will be waiting for the rest to be ready to enjoy some pumpkin soup.

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