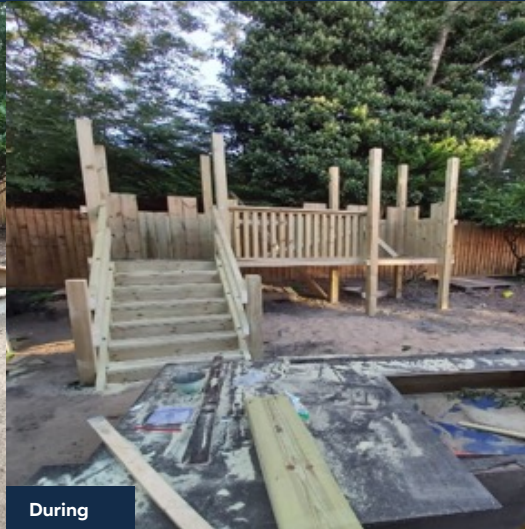


FAMILY NEWS

October 2021



Before



During



After

The Autumn Term is well underway, as is the Cottage Garden refurbishments! The children are very excited to see their new climbing frame taking shape!

The contractors have almost completed the outside classroom and will shortly be moving onto the water feature. We now have a lovely wooden fence all the way around the boundary of the garden and gated access to storage. Next to be added will be a great mud kitchen and digging area. The children have enjoyed watching the garden take shape which has led to lots of construction play!

We are delighted to welcome Kirstie to the team. Kirstie has lots of experience with children and will be working alongside Katie, Julie, Chantelle and Ella in our Toddler Group. Kirstie will be saying hello to you all over the next week.

Huge Congratulations to Julie, who won two awards last month. Julie was 'Colleague Of The Month' in September across the whole Nursery Family, nominated for her sensitivity and excellent practice when supporting her key child and his family. She has also been awarded 'Most Inspirational Colleague' again, across the whole company for her consistently high quality and imaginative activities and opportunities. Really well done Julie!

Thank you to all families who have donated food for our local Food Bank. The pre-school children will be delivering it to the church next door. It has generated some worthwhile conversations about why we support this charity and the children have shown maturity and sensitivity during these discussions.



The Pre-School children delivering our Food Bank donations



Peek A Boo in the Baby Snug!



Puzzle time in the Toddler Den



Yoga in the Pre-school Study

The Baby Snug

We have loved the addition of the new ball pool! Little toes may have come home covered in paint, as Abi and Denise have been letting the babies explore the paint on a large scale! With a bath on hand! Sensory play is a huge part of the fun in the Baby Snug, using everyday items like bubble bath, shaving foam and sand. Treasure baskets are filled with soft chiffon scarves, colourful ribbons, large metallic pebbles and shiny, scrunchy paper. These experiences all help to develop little senses.

The Toddler Den

The children in the Toddler Den have been mesmerised by the Bubble Tower! The children made some great fish pictures using bubble wrap with Chantelle, to reflect their interest. Children around 2 years are developing a sense of identity, so small world and role play is very popular in this group. The team offer opportunities to reflect familiar experiences and interests such as the home corner and small world scenes with farm animals or mini beasts.

The Pre-School Study

The children in The Pre school Study are continuing their love of hairdressing with Adele and have also been taking part in yoga sessions with Sarah! The 'Ladybird' is a definite favourite! We've also followed an alien interest and made egg box aliens and a huge rocket! We have a large collection of natural resources: sticks, corks, shells, wood pieces and coconut shells which the children use to make their own patterns and pictures. These are created on pieces of hessian or raffia and are called Transient Art.

We are sending home Autumn bags for the children to fill with seasonal treasure they find in the park or garden. These will be shared with friends during focus group time and then added to our Autumn Nature Table. This generates lots of rich conversation and opportunities to learn about trees and leaves and the changing seasons.

Lots of birthdays in October

Max is 3
Henry is 4
Fleur is 1
William is 4
Iris is 4
Lyra is 3
Maebel is 4
Selma is 4
Tabitha is 3
Kiera is 4

Happy birthday everyone!



Covid

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

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 4th December. We have lots of festive activities planned so please pop the date in your diary!

Starting School Sept 2022

Children starting school next September, applications can be made on Hampshire County Council website from 1st November 2021 to 15th January 2022. You are solely responsible for applying for your child's school, you will not be sent anything through the post. School allocation will be in April 2022, date TBC. Please make appointments with any school you are interested in sending your child to.

Funding from Jan 2022

I will shortly be contacting all parents of children who are eligible for funding next term, to advise of the application process. If you are currently in receipt of extended funding, please ensure you reconfirm your code when prompted by HCC. If you do not reconfirm your code you may not be eligible for further funding.

Half Term

Half Term for Term Time Only children will be week commencing Monday 25th October.

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