

FAMILY NEWS

October 2021



Gentle reminders

As the weather is beginning to change, please can you ensure your child has a suitable coat and footwear, we do take the children outside in all weathers.

Please could you ensure that your child brings in a bag of spare clothes, the children participate in lots of messy activities and sometimes their clothes get dirty. We do try to avoid this, and the children do wear aprons.

Thank you for all your continued support. There are still some COVID procedures in place that we are following. This does still include if you child displays a symptom of COVID than we will asked for them to be collected and a PCR test to be carried out, staying off nursery until the results have been received. This is currently taking around 24hours.

Please review the nursery at:
www.daynurseries.co.uk

Photographer

On Monday 25th October we have a photographer coming to take photographs of the children. If it is not your child's day to attend the nursery, please come and speak to Terri or myself in the office and we can book you an appointment.

January Funding

If you are entitled to 30 hours funding next term, we require the code by the 31st December to be able to apply for the funding. Your code will need to be re-validated every 3 months, if this runs out the funding will stop.

Starting School Sept 2022

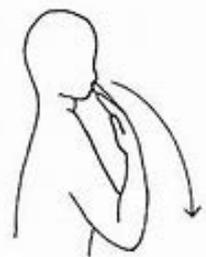
Children starting school next September, applications can be made on Hampshire County Council website from 1st November 2021 to 15th January 2022. You are solely responsible for applying for your child's school, you will not be sent anything through the post. School allocation will be in April 2022,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

Learn Makaton with us

Please ask staff if you are unsure and YouTube have lots of videos demonstrating the signs. Hopefully, your child should be able to show you them.



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The Baby Snug

This month in the baby room we have been exploring music, through singing, listening to nursery rhymes and learning the actions. We have been using musical instruments to create different sounds. We have loved playing with our rice crispy sensory play, filling and emptying containers. Practising and developing our fine motor skills; by holding and using the spoons to pick up the rice crispies. We also used our hands to feel them and crush them, we then explored jelly to feel the difference in texture.

The garden has been very fun for us to explore with the weather changing. We have been using our gross motor skills to splash in the puddles. As Autumn arrives, we have been loving seeing the Crane flies and some of us have even been brave enough to hold them. The leaves that are starting to fall off the trees have created a fabulous sensory experience for us, and we have been busy hearing and feeling them crunch as we move over them. Next month we are going on an Autumn adventure to find natural items to add to our Autumnal sensory bucket. Exciting!!

The Toddler Den

The children have shown a great interest in the sea creatures and the sea life centre. Together we made fish shaped biscuits; looking at the ingredients and counting how much we needed of each, increasing the children's mathematical skills and team work. We printed pictures of different sea life creatures and looked at the differences between them, learning about their diet and their habitats. We have used books to find out about sea life creature and discussed what we have discovered at group time. This has been developing our literacy skills. Following this theme our story area has been transformed into an under the sea world.

We have been working on the routine in the Toddler room and ensuring that it is suitable for all the children and meeting all their individual needs. The children have been engaging in some interesting and active group times developing and extending their fine and gross motor skills.

The Pre-school Study

We had an exciting trip to the beach where they enjoyed exploring and investigating all the different shells, stones, and sea creatures it was great fun.

Recently we have been interested in cooking and devising our own recipes. We have enjoyed making bread, cookies and cheese biscuits. We loved using the scales and weighing out the ingredients promoting and enhancing their mathematical skills.

The mark making area has been a big hit with the superhero fans; we been creating their own superhero stories. We have been telling the stories to their friends and then using the small world area to re-enact them. This has increased our knowledge of storytelling and development of characters.

In the garden we have been busy working together on their mark making skills to create our own racetracks. After realizing the cars could go off the track, together they problem solved and used the tyres and drainpipes to create barriers. We then used our imagination to create a bus and went to the zoo to see a big pink monkey.

Our story of the month was Jack and the beanstalk. We looked at different version of the story from books to audio to film. We have been busy using different types of materials to create our very own beanstalks. We even made our own hen that had golden eggs to go with it!

Our October story of the month is Room on the broom by Julia Donaldson, just in time for Halloween! Watch this space for great spooky Halloween activities!

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

Photographer

25th October 8:30am-12pm

Halloween dress up

26th – 29th October 2021

Half term

25th – 29th October 2021

End of term

Friday 17th December returning
Tuesday 4th January 2022

Nursery is closed

27th & 28th December 2021
& 3rd January 2022

Christmas fayre

Saturday 4th December

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