

Dear Families,



What a busy month we have had across the Nursery. We kicked the month off by exploring colour and sounds after Bonfire Night and the children created some great pictures using a variety of bright colours and mark making tools, representing what they had seen.

The children were very lucky to have some special visitors at Nursery this month when a couple of PCSO's came to see us. The children learnt how to keep safe and how the Police are there to help us when we are in trouble. The children also got to explore the inside of their vehicle.

The whole Nursery got involved in raising money for Children in Need with a yummy bake sale all made by the children. We also had a sponsored sing as well as dressing up and face paints. We raised £135, thank you all for your donations.

As we move into December we will be starting our preparations for Christmas. The children will be creating lots of lovely things to bring home and sharing their previous Christmas experiences as well as having the opportunity to explore new ones.

Please remember to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk if you wish to continue to claim the 30 hours grant funding for 3 and 4 year olds or if you are using Tax Free Childcare to pay your nursery fees. If you have any questions about this, please contact Chrissie our Finance Manager.

Kind regards

Hayley James
Nursery Manager

Team Training

This month we were lucky enough to hear Penny Tassoni talk to us about language acquisition. She reminded us that the key to language is high quality interaction. She gave an insight as to what this meant with her 'Top Tips' She emphasised the need to start with a good relationship with children, to comment by talking about what the child was doing in their play, and to build in silences giving the children time to respond. She also suggested adults use language in context to draw children's attention to words by pointing things out i.e. "Look, there is a bright shining star up in the sky." To use questions sensitively to avoid interrogating children. Her last point was that we should model the way in which we use thinking language for example saying out loud: 'I think I will need *to get* my coat on to go outside as it looks a bit wet out there today.'

Diary Dates

- **Christmas Jumper Day**
Friday 15th December
- **Kindergarten Nativity**
Thursday 21st December 2:30pm
- **Kindergarten Christmas Party**
Friday 22nd December
- **Close for Christmas**
6pm Friday 22nd December
- **Re-open**
Tuesday 2nd January

Babies

With the darker evenings the Babies have been exploring light and dark as well as different colours. The Babies were fascinated by the torches and soon got the hang of switching them on and off. During Nursery Rhyme week they used props to recite various Nursery Rhymes making links between the rhyme and the resources. We have also been working on free flowing between the room and the garden helping the babies build their physical skills in negotiating the step.



Toddlers

The Toddlers have particularly enjoyed exploring the mud kitchen this month. They have had fun 'cooking' up mud pies, mixing and stirring, all fabulous activities for building core strength. They have been out and about on trips on the Bus to Romsey, and trips to parks exploring season changes. There was great excitement when two PCSO's visited with a police van that the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring especially when the siren and lights were put on. The children have also been using their song cards at group times which has helped to extend their repertoire of songs and rhymes.



Transition

Transition have been exploring Autumn and the changes to our environment as it gets colder. They have been looking at the spiders in our garden and the webs they make, creating their own webs with glue and glitter. They have also been exploring some pumpkins, then recreating them to decorate their cakes as well as make them with play dough. The children had a special visit from the Police who brought their van for them to sit in. They saw the lights and heard the sirens and spoke about how to stay safe outside of Nursery.



Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children were 'fired' up by the fireworks they had experienced at home so the Team created a firework provocation using shiny objects to stimulate their interest further. They were invited on a visit to the Builders Yard across the road where they got to experience first hand diggers as they were allowed to sit inside the cab. In response to this the Team set up their own small world Building Yard for the children to drive diggers. The children have begun to explore the Nativity Story learning the songs and hearing the story in preparation for their performance this month.

