

Newsletter- November 2023



Dear Parents,

We would like to say a big WELCOME to all of the new children who have joined us in the last few weeks. Here's hoping that they have a fantastic time joining in with lots of fun activities and making new friends.

Colour, Shape, Pattern and Number

For the Autumn Term after the holidays the theme for November is Colour, Shape, Pattern and Number. There will be a coloured week, where we ask that a particular colour is worn on each day. During the week of the 6th November we ask that, (if possible) you could wear:



- Monday – Green
- Tuesday – Blue
- Wednesday – Yellow
- Thursday – Orange
- Friday – Red (in preparation for Remembrance Sunday)

Throughout the half term we will also be counting and recognising numbers, looking at different shapes and matching them to those around us, as well as exploring a range of patterns including those in the environment.

Healthy Living - Great fun was had demonstrating to friends how we brush our teeth at home. Each child took home their own toothbrush after practicing at nursery in the mirror. Bars of soap will also be going home to continue the importance of hand washing along with our song to practice.



When we tried a range of different fruits, some of the children were not impressed when we attempted lemon! There were lots of funny faces.

Throughout the planning we made our own fruit kebabs as well as helping to prepare the fruit salad ready for lunch.

Parent Afternoons – A huge thankyou to parents, who attended their parent's afternoon slots. Also to those taking the time to read their child's reviews and helping with their next steps shown.

Our furry little friend now has a name!! All children voted on their slips and popped them into the ballot box! As we have already shared on Facebook and Instagram, we would like you to meet - 'Crumpet' Votes were all counted by the Creative Room and double checked by staff. He has already settled in well...

Any volunteers to have him over Christmas?!?!?!?



Staff Training

As part of our staffs professional development, we continue to encourage them with regular training that is important for the children and their development:

- Ruth – Outdoor Play and Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Georgia – Maths in Early Years





Pumpkin Picking- A great time was had by children, staff and parents at Maxey's Farm Shop. The children explored the 'Halloween trail,' as well as taking a ride on the tractor, where they saw hay bale spiders and skeletons riding bikes. On the way out we had a go on the gigantic bouncy pumpkin. Six pumpkins were returned to nursery for us to carve and place outside ready for Halloween. 'Slimy, stretchy and squelchy' were some of the words used to describe the insides!! Thank you to all parents who came with us.

Employee of the Month – Our star practitioner for this month is **Ruth**. She has been working extremely well on her Level 5, alongside running the Creative Room where she has ensured that all children's development is going well and that the room is running smoothly, with engaging activities for the children.



Forest School – A selected group of children will be taking part in a 'Forest School' session, which is being brought into Nursery from the Children's Centre. This will run on Wednesday afternoon for an hour for a six-week period, beginning after the half term break. They will be exploring the outside, the stuga and having some yummy hot chocolate.

Celebrations

We have lots of celebrations to look at over the month of November including the Kings Birthday, Remembrance Day and Diwali. For all of these celebrations we will be theming the day around them. On the Kings Birthday we will make cards and crowns, fit for a king. Poppies and soldiers will be made to mark Remembrance Sunday, and wearing red, as already shown. Then Diwali is the five day festival of light where we will be making diya lamps and rangoli patterns. We also have the Polish Independence Day and St. Andrews Day.



Children In Need – Pudsey is making a return on the 17th November! We ask that your child, for a small donation, wears anything with 'Spots' of the week commencing 13th November.

Dates for your diary

- 5th November – Bonfire Night
- 11th November – Remembrance Day
- 11th November – Polish National Independence Day
 - 12th November – Diwali
- 14th November – King Charles III Birthday
 - 17th November – Children in Need
 - 30th November – St. Andrews Day