



NEWSLETTER

December Newsletter

Welcome to December's Newsletter, we hope you are getting ready for Christmas, decorating your house, buying presents and enjoying this wonderful time of year. All the children have been getting very excited about the events for this month, we have parties, our Christmas play and lots of entertainment! We can't wait!

New Nursery Manager –Emma-Louise Trodd
I hope you have all had the opportunity to meet Emma-Louise, our new Nursery Manager. She is very eager to get to know all of the children and meet their families. She is settling in very well and we hope she has lots of fun here.

Children with deeds helping Children In Need!

I would like to thank all of you for your contributions to Children In Need on Friday 20th November. We all dressed up in our fancy dress, costumes, face painting and held a cake sale. Some parents made some fantastic cakes as a donation which looked lovely. Sophie from the Older Baby Room worked very hard co-ordinating all of the room's activities and competitions on the day including our 'guess how many balloons are in the car' ☺



What a lovely face - painted by Emma.

We even managed to get an appearance in the Gazette newspaper, which featured Shanelle from the Older Baby Room, Faye from Pre-school and our star organiser, Sophie from Older Babies. We look forward to our next fun day as we all love dressing up!

Babies

This month's topic was Space, we have been very creative and have lots of new displays. We started off by drawing funny aliens and letting the children free paint them. The children used paintbrushes, glue sticks and their hands to move the paint over the picture.

We have done silver mega block printing which the children enjoyed banging the blocks on the paper and making a noise.

Bekki and Tammy helped us make a lovely display of the 'Five little men in a flying saucer' song, we put photographs of ourselves on the saucers and then we decorated them with tin foil, it looks great.



Lovely cuddle with Bekki

The ball pool is now back in the Younger Baby room and we are all really enjoying it, our physical skills are coming on in leaps and bounds now we can wriggle around in there.

We have started making our Christmas decorations for the Baby Room, we have made an advent calendar using pictures of us behind different dates. There are also pretty Christmas trees hanging from the lights which we decorated using green and red paint and lots of glitter ☺

Bekki, Tammy and Nancy

Older Babies

This month Older Babies have been having lots of fun making space rockets and aliens. We have been getting very creative decorating our rockets and aliens with lots of green paint and sticking with different coloured paper.

We have been getting ready for Christmas by making snowmen, stockings, snowflakes and Christmas trees. They have been decorated with paint, sticking materials and lots of glitter.

In our Older Baby room we have now got birthday balloons above the big window, our birthdays are now on the balloons so we can all see how old we are.

Sophie has been working very hard making us a Jungle in the room, she has cut out different animals for us to look at and investigate and she gave us parrots to decorate with different materials.

We have been learning the song 'Down in the jungle' it is great fun dancing along to it. Amy and Sophie have been teaching us the different sounds that the animals make and we have been trying to copy them.

All of us have been playing with the wooden blocks this month and trying to learn how to build a tower, we have had lots of fun watching Amy and Sophie build towers and we have been knocking them down ☺

All of the Older Babies would like to say good luck to Aoife, Owen, Dhillan, Lois, Ella and Lily who have all moved downstairs into Younger Toddlers. We hope they have lots of fun down there and look forward to seeing them in the garden.

Laura, Amy and Sophie

Younger Toddlers

In younger toddlers we have been focusing on space. We had lots of fun making space ships, rockets, planets and aliens with our hand prints. All our work on space has been put up on display boards in our room, did you see them?

We enjoyed making firework pictures with glitter and chalk and fire pictures with orange crepe paper for bonfire night, they look brilliant!

We made poppies out of red felt and coloured poppy pictures in for Remembrance Day.



Our book of the month is 'Not now Bernard'. We have been colouring pictures, learning new words and names, experiencing different emotions, taking photos of us learning and having lots of fun. This is all shown on our display board in the quiet room.



Towards the end of the month we started getting into the festive mood with Christmas pictures. We made our own snowmen paper chains, stockings, glitter paper chains and Christmas trees. We have put our Christmas display board up which has presents, a snowman, Santa & his sleigh and a Christmas tree made out of our handprints. For an extra special touch we added our very own

footprints in the cotton snow.

As the new month begins we are planning to have lots more Christmas fun and activities.

Kerri, Claire and Emma

Older Toddlers

The Older Toddlers have been learning about Space and getting ready for Christmas. The children have been looking at the sky seeing what they can see during the day and night. We found that we can see the sun during the day and the stars and moon during the night. The older children could tell us that it is dark at night and we have to go to bed.

We have been practicing our Christmas play lots and learning the songs. We can't wait to perform to all our Mummy's and Daddy's.

A big welcome to Gemma who has started work in Older Toddlers and is bringing lots of new exciting things to the room and teaching us new songs and stories.

The Toddler staff have set the room into different areas of learning for the children so they can chose what they want to play with and we now have an art easel so we can have paint and chalk all the time. Please can you bring in junk household boxes for our home corner and our junk modelling table. Old cereal boxes are great for making into a rocket!



Learning how to thread bobbins!

The children have been learning the days of the week through a song and singing a welcome song at morning time.

We would like to start "family books" so please can we have pictures of our family and close friends to add to our individual picture books.

Laura has given us new books and listening to a CD that go with them, our favourite is The 'Quiet' with the lion.

From December we are doing a colour and shape of the week and from the 7th December it will be White and Star. The children can bring something to show us at morning time and teach the other children about the object.

We will be looking at the weather and how cold it is now winter is here. Laura, Gemma and Kirsty are asking us all 'Do we like the cold?' and 'Who likes the snow?' and teach us what animals live in the cold.

We are going to start our Christmas decorations and we will be treading popcorn and painting it, it will look fantastic.

Laura, Kirsty and Gemma

Pre – School

As this month's topic was Space we discussed the planets, earth and aliens. Sharon also explained to us about spaceships, rockets, stars and the atmosphere. We decorated spaceships with coloured sand and glitter. We made lots of planets using water and marble ink using our fingers to mix the water and colours together, they looked very good. Using tubes, different shapes and coloured tinsel we made space rockets and flew them around the room, that was fun!

We also made alien headbands using strips of card which we decorated with tin foil and glitter, we stuck pipe cleaners on to it, cut out circles and made green eyeballs, and we looked like funky aliens.

Faye drew around some of the children and made giant green aliens with lots of eyes and a giant space man using lots of tissue paper and tin foil, it was fantastic.

We have been very busy this month preparing our Christmas display boards, we made a fireplace with tissue paper and then painted it black to make the coal for the fire and then added some vibrant flames to make it look very realistic. It has some pretty cards on the mantelpiece which we made using lots



What a beautiful butterfly face painting

of paint. The big Christmas tree on it is made out of all of our handprints, it is lovely to see our work on the board, and it looks great.

As it was fireworks night on 5th November we made some dazzling fireworks pictures using lots of glue, glitter and some chalks. Using card and tissue

paper we made some fireworks rockets, we really enjoyed getting creative and making them.

Sharon, Faye and Sian

Good-byes!

Staff updates...

We would like to say good-bye to **Bekki Forrest** from Younger Babies who is moving on to start a new challenge as a nanny and **Laura Clarke** from Older Babies who is leaving. We wish them both lots of luck in their new ventures, you will be missed.

Children updates...

We would like to say farewell and good luck to Amrit from Younger Toddlers who is leaving to start at a local pre-school, all your friends will miss you.

Daisy Groves from Older Babies has left to go to a nursery closer to home, everyone from babies wishes you lots of luck and hope you have fun.

Reminders

- ❖ Please can you all ensure you have bought a present in for the value of £5 for your child for their Christmas party. Father Christmas will be making an appearance so it will be lovely for every child to have a present to open.

Upcoming Dates

Christmas party and play – Tuesday 15th December

Younger Toddlers and Babies will be having a combined Christmas party with an entertainer and Father Christmas.

Older Toddlers and Pre-school will be performing a Christmas play and having a party altogether with Father Christmas dropping in!

Thursday 24th December – Close at 5pm

We will be open again on Monday 4th January 2010 at our usual time of 7.30am.

Birthdays

We would like to say a big Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in December...

Jenson Emily

George Harry

Lauren Jamie

Abigail Nina-

Paige

And

Michal



We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and new year!

From

Emma-Louise, Emma and the Apsley team