



# NEWSLETTER

## November Newsletter



I would like to introduce myself to you, I am Emma the new Deputy Manager here at Apsley. Hopefully you will have all read a copy of the letter from Michelle introducing me and a bit about my background within the company. I am really enjoying meeting all of the children and their families. We do have three new members of staff starting full time here at Apsley. Sophie Cooper, she has been working up in the baby room for a little while now. Gemma and Michelle, both will be joining us from Mini Monsters. We hope you will help welcome them to the nursery.

## Babies



This month in younger babies we have been very creative and have had lots of Messy play. The jelly play was a great texture for us to explore it was very cold and squigy. We have also experienced cornflour play, pasta play and rice. We used assorted containers of different shapes and sizes to explore the textures with. Bekki and Tammy also gave us buckets and spades to play with the pasta and rice.

In preparation for Halloween we painted some colourful handprints to make into spiders and painted some lovely orange pumpkins. We would like to welcome Evan and Georgia to the baby room and hope they enjoy nursery life and make some lovely friends.

Bekki, Tammy and Nancy



### **Older Babies**

Older babies have been getting very Messy with paint this month making lots of Halloween decorations for the room. We have made ghosts out of our footprints and spiders with our handprints.



This month's topic was animals and nature, we have been exploring the farm animals and learning the different names and sounds of them. Laura and Amy explored animal books with us and sang songs with us to help us learn the names and sounds. We are all really looking forward to next month's topic which is Space. We are going to make lots of interesting things to display around the room.

Laura, Amy and Sophie

### **Younger Toddlers**



### **Fun with bubbles!**

This month we have been focusing on animals for our topic of the month. We made a lovely farm yard display board. We investigated all the different

animals you would find on a farm and we tried to learn the names and the sounds. Some of us already knew some of the animals and the noises they make so we helped the rest of the group try and learn them. We painted and coloured the animals for the display board, they look very good. We also decorated some of them with sticking pieces of different materials. We explored the noises all the animals make and investigated what they like to eat.

We made an animal jigsaw display board, colouring pictures of farm animals, and what they eat, we stuck the pictures onto the jigsaw cut outs and sorted what animal ate what food, it was very interesting and fun. Claire and Kerry gave us a little help with the puzzle, they had lots of fun too! ☺

During circle time every morning we have been talking about different animals and learning all of their noises they like to make.



### **taking a look at 'The Very Happy Hen' book.**

The book of the month has been 'The very Happy Hen', we all thoroughly enjoyed studying this story book and made a lovely display board with a big hen and her eggs.

We have had lots of fun making our Halloween decorations ready for our party. We made a skeleton and put it on a very scary display board with a big scary Castle, its looks fantastic.

Kerri, Claire and Emma

### **Older Toddlers**

Older toddlers have been investigating what animals live in the Zoo. We looked at Zebras, Giraffes, Monkeys, Hippos and many more. Laura read us a Noahs ark book and it was our book of The month, we made a lovely display board about it with a big Noahs ark boat in the sea and some animals.

We also looked at the animals we have in our homes. Some of us have a cat, dog or a rabbit.

Laura has been helping us learn our Christmas songs ready for our Christmas Play, we are getting very

excited about it and the Pre - school children have been showing us how it's done 😊



For Halloween we helped younger Toddlers decorate their room as we all had our tea party together in their room, The decorations were fun to make and we enjoyed getting our fingers covered in paint.

Laura and Kirsty

### Pre – School

In pre-school we have had lots of fun changing our creative wall of art into a jungle theme for our topic of the month which was animals and nature. Sharon drew around some of us to make a Monkey, Lion and an Elephant. We drew around Luca for the Monkey, Courtney for the Elephant and Ethan for the Lion. We painted all the animals and used felt to decorate the Lion's mane. We also made a colourful Parrot using tissue paper and our hand prints for the wings.



You may have noticed our jungle display board we did outside by the door. Using paper plates and lots of paint we all made a vibrant in the jungle board. Sharon, Faye and Sian read animal books to us and we talked about the pictures making lots of animal noises and naming all the animals, we learnt lots of new facts. We learnt where they live and what they like to eat, it was very interesting.



Sophie from the Older Baby room came into our room with her rabbits from home for a visit, we enjoyed stroking them and learning about them. They were very small and young, we made sure we were very gentle with them and washed our hands after touching them.

We had fun playing with animal toys in the soil, we got very dirty but it was fun, we buried them and then dug them out again.

For our Halloween preparations we made lots of decorations, we made giant spiders using lots of black paint and tissue paper for the eyes and mouth. We made giant ghosts and painted on black eyes, then we hung them from the ceiling, they looked very scary. We also made a giant skeleton, we drew around Ethan and cut out his shape, we painted it black and when it was dry we used white paint to add on the bones, it was brilliant. There was also a really big witch, which we stuck to the pre-school room door, we drew around Anesu and cut it out and decorate it with lots of paint and glitter. For our Halloween display board Isabelle cut out a castle and then we all painted it grey with a brown door. It has been a very creative month in pre-school and we have had lots of fun.

We would like to say goodbye to Ethan and all his friends will miss him very much.



**Faye drawing for the monkey shape**

Sharon, Faye and Sian

# Reminders

## Personal Detail Forms

Please can you all return your confirmation of personal details and attendance forms and hand them to a member of staff or drop them into the office, thank you.

## Extra Sessions

Extra session and holiday forms are available in the foyer for you to complete if you need to book your child in for an extra session at anytime. Please complete a holiday form and drop it into the office so we know when you are going to be absent from nursery.

## Clothing

Appropriate clothing, please can you ensure your child has all the necessary clothing for outdoors and also additional clothing for spare use during the day in case they have an accident and need changing.

Can I also ask you to label your child's belongings, there are several items within the baby room that are not labelled if you are missing anything please ask Bekki or Tammy and they can get the box and you can have a look through.

Please can I ask you to bring in a pair of slippers or soft indoor shoes for your child if they are in older babies, toddlers or pre-school. We like to keep the floors as clean as possible with the children crawling and walking around them.

## Pushchairs

Please can you not leave your child's pushchair in the foyer as it is becoming a bit of a health and safety issue. We are looking into creating a 'buggy park' area to help with this dilemma.

Please can you make sure that you check your child's drawer or box before you go home. Each day the children are doing lots of lovely art work and pictures for their mummies and daddy's and we put them in their drawers for the end of day. Also any letters or memo's and change of clothes may be put in there.

# Upcoming Dates

Children's photographer - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas party and play – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December



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

*Leeya*

*Sam*

*Isabella*

*Nathan*

*Sasha*

*Emily*



From

Emma and the Apsley team