



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our January Newsletter

We wish you all a Happy New Year!

December was a month of Christmas celebration and fun, preparing for our parties and pre school play as well as decorating the Nursery.

We started the month by decorating the Nursery with our own decorations that we had made. When the pre school was practicing their play, the rest of the Nursery sang Christmas songs and action rhymes. Alongside the Christmas celebrations, some of the children celebrated the Muslim festival of Eid.

The Christmas parties and play all took place in the church hall where we had Jo Jingles as the entertainer for the baby and toddler party and a magician for the pre school party.

The baby and toddler party was very well attended. We made party hats for the children and all made our way to the hall. There some mummies and daddies and some of the children who do not attend Nursery on that day met us. Jackie from Jo Jingles entertained us with songs and dancing. She shared out some musical instruments and we all had a chance to shake and bang while we danced.

We played with the coloured shakers and played 'Hokey Cokey'. While sitting in a circle we stretched some fabric then Jackie threw a frog onto it for us to bounce

up and down. It was great fun seeing where the frog would end up!



Mummies and daddies joining in the fun!

When Jo Jingles had finished we all had some drinks and tucked into cakes and fruit while we had a visit from Father Christmas.

The children were all quite confident when receiving their gifts from Santa and loved tearing open their presents.

Our pre school party was also extremely well attended by parents, carers and grandparents. The children walked round to the hall in their costumes and sat patiently awaiting the 'curtain call'! When all the parents had found their seats, the children took their place on stage. After the initial wave to everyone the children performed 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'!

We are sure you will all agree, it was a great success and as we looked around the hall, there was many a tear being shed!!



'Whoops a Daisy Angel'

We would like to say a big thank you to Roger (Rachel's partner), alias Santa, for helping make both parties very special, to Shane and Sharon for cooking all the lovely food and to all the parents who attended, for your support and excellent singing!

Photographs

All our photographs that were taken at the baby and toddler's party and the pre school play will be put into the albums in the foyer. Please feel free to look through them at your leisure.

Babies

Welcome to James who has joined the Nursery. This month has been dominated by Christmas and we have been extremely busy creating our decorations for our room. We made our snowmen by sticking cotton wool onto the pictures and our penguins were made by finger painting.

There is one activity that the babies really have fun with which involves shaving foam. We place the foam on the table and the babies splash their hands in it and use their fingers to make patterns. They also like to rub it in their hair and with a little help from staff, can create some wonderful hairstyles!



Look what we do with shaving foam!

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at our Christmas party where we danced and sang with Jo Jingles. We chased bubbles as they floated down around us and laughed as they popped on our noses! Some of our mummies and daddies

came and joined in with us and we had lots to eat!



Isla dancing with the shaker

When Father Christmas came, he brought us some presents, which we opened and showed our friends what we had.

Older babies

Welcome to Archie and Christian who are new to the Nursery and to Dylan, Asha and Mia who have joined us from babies.

During December we enjoyed doing many art activities. We made angels, stars, a Christmas tree and Santa's grotto. On the walls upstairs we made Santa's sleigh and salt dough reindeer to pull him along. The children enjoyed listening to Christmas music and dancing along to it.

In the middle of December we dressed the children as snowmen to make special snow globes for presents, which, went along with their Christmas cards and calendars.



Making our salt dough

Our Christmas party was a big success with music and dancing. We played games and the children were eager to join in and receive presents from Santa.



Here we are, dancing!

We all agreed that the messiest game of all was the 'cake eating' at the end!!

Toddlers

As Christmas was a busy month with creating our decorations, we spent quite a lot of time taking activities in to the garden where we had a creepy crawly hunt. We hid pretend insects all over the garden and then let the children find them.



Natalia and Louis preparing for the insect hunt.

We had a fantastic Christmas party which, we all made Christmas hats for. We joined in with the action songs that Jo Jingles did and really enjoyed chasing the bouncing frog around the cloth. Ben managed to catch the frog and then had to throw it back!



Trying to catch the frog.

It was lovely to have our mummies and daddies here to join in.

Pre school

Welcome to Joseph who is new to the Nursery and to Roan and Marcos who have joined us from the toddler room.

December has been a very busy one in Pre School. Not only were we preparing for our Christmas play, learning the songs and our lines but we were also being very creative. We are sure you noticed how well we decorated the room and we certainly enjoyed making all the mess while we were doing it. We made Santa's with glitter, Christmas crackers, all of our decorations and Christmas stockings. The glitter was everywhere!!

The children had their own ideas for the Christmas calendars, which they then created. We hope you all liked them.

The children wrote letters to Santa to ask for gifts and posted them in our post box.

When Santa arrived at our party we think many of the children were hoping for the presents in their letters!



Michael receiving a gift from Santa

December was predominantly taken up by the Christmas play. We practiced daily and did dress rehearsals at the hall before the big day.

One afternoon we performed our play in front of the rest of the staff and children in the Nursery. The babies and toddlers sat and watched, clapping at all the songs. Some of them wanted to join in!!

After our visit from Santa we were entertained by Mr Wiggle who thrilled us with magic and a Punch and Judy show. Very few children had seen a puppet show before and were mesmerized by it all. They sat and laughed out loud!!



Millie helping Mr Wiggle with the magic!

We said goodbye to Iwan, Leon, Leah, who have moved on to big school. Good luck to them all in their new schools.

Planning

As part of the new Early Years Foundation Stage that was introduced to childcare in September, it is important that we, as carers, get to know as much about the children we care for and their families as possible. To help gain any additional information, we would like to invite parents to contribute to their child's development by talking to your child's key carer about activities that they particularly enjoy when at home or out and about at the weekend. On our Parent's notice boards there are forms which parents can take and complete at home before returning them to the Nursery. Please also feel free to talk to your child's key carer about your child's development at any time.

Staff in the baby rooms and toddler room will be asking you to spend a few minutes at the end of the day to complete a short form with information about your child. Please help them by completing them with your child's key carer, as it will help with our individual planning.

Prams & Pushchairs

If you have a pram or pushchair that you no longer require, we would be very grateful if it could be donated to the Nursery. This allows the younger babies to have more regular outings into the garden and outdoor activities.

Telephone Number

If you need to contact us via telephone during the day, please can you ensure you call the direct line which is 06128 623777. Some parent's have been calling Head Office and although this telephone is downed regularly, it is not manned all day.

Dates for diary 2009

We will be informing you of dates for this year, which will include all of our events throughout the year including parent's evenings, sports day and Festivals.

Menus

As you will be aware, we follow a 4-week, rota menu, which is decided, by our cooks and managers.

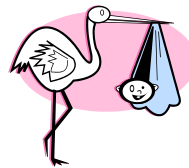
As we are always looking for ideas, we are asking parents for any meals that their children particularly like at home that we could incorporate in our menus. Please feel free to pick

up a form from your child's room notice board and hand them back to your child's key carer.

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New arrivals



Congratulations to Ruby and her family on the safe arrival of her baby brother.

December birthdays



Vivaan Aythora 1 yr on the 5th
Charlotte Matthews 2 yrs on the 4th
Marcos Seris 3yrs on the 19th
Iwan Hughes 5 yrs on the 29th

Kind regards

Janet and team