



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our October Newsletter

All the leaves are falling down,
Orange, yellow, red and brown.
Falling softly as they do,
Over me and over you.
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Welcome to October's newsletter, we have been looking at our senses this month and it seems a lovely time to do it due to all the changes happening in the environment with winter getting closer.

I hope you have all had a chance to meet Caroline our new nursery manager in the morning or in the evenings. If not then feel free to pop your head round the door to say hello where she will quite happily introduce herself.

Babies

Babies have been getting very creative this month exploring their senses. We have experienced chinks and drew some lovely pictures. Emily also made some textured paint for us to explore, it looked very colourful and felt prickly. We have also been making funky sticking pictures with fleecy material, bubble wrap and polystyrene pieces, they felt lovely to touch.

Emma and Emily have been exploring the sounds of the musical instruments with us, we have also discovered the cupboard doors make a lovely banging noise, although I don't think they like us doing that all day. ☺



The Tiny Mites classes have been very enjoyable and we are looking forward to that being a regular part of our routine.

Emma and Emily have been listening to lots of music with us and have been dancing with us as we look at the movements we can do with our bodies.

The babies have been making fantastic progress with their physical development and are enjoying walking around the garden.

Emma and Emily

Older Babies

Older babies have been exploring their senses this month. We have enjoyed covering a piece of card in glue then sprinkling coloured sand and finding the sand sticking to our fingers.



For our display board we have painted or glued lots of different food pictures to go with our taste sense. We made some binoculars by using a kitchen roll and sticking lots of different felt and tissue paper all over, we used bubble wrap to make some brail but we had more fun popping the bubbles. For the sense of touch we found different textures to stick on paper, our favourite texture was the cotton wool as it felt nice and soft and stuck to our fingers. Our birthday board in the room is now up and we enjoyed painting the paper blue in lots of different sponges, paintbrushes and hands, this made the pond for our frogs and lily pads. Older babies have enjoyed having the soft blocks in the ball pool, they make lots of different noises. We also had shredded paper in the ball pool which we all had great fun covering ourselves in and hiding things in it. We will also enjoy playing with the corn flour and glitter and making shapes in the shaving foam.



We had lots of fun making play dough which we coloured red and added vanilla essences to make it smell nice which we used for our sense of smell.

Claudia, Yvonne, Shakila

Toddlers

This month toddlers have been painting paper plates and sticking on eyes, ears, noses and mouths to be their own faces. We are all going to draw pictures of ourselves for the art gallery board.

We have all had lots of fun playing in the sand tray and in our new home corner area with the dressing up clothes. Toddlers have started to think about Christmas already and the children have all been busy designing Christmas cards which you would have received a letter about purchasing.



On a sad note we would like to say goodbye to Oliver, Arthur, Archie S, Lewis and Ethan who have all moved into the pre-school room, we hope you all have lots of fun exploring your new room, but on a lighter note we would like to welcome Nola, Zachary and Rachael to toddlers and hope you all have fun at your new nursery. We will also be welcoming Jacob and Charlie who are moving into the toddler room from the older baby room over the next few weeks.

Sam and Heather

Pre-School

What a busy time it has been in Pre-School over the last few weeks, children leaving for big school, new children starting with us and new children moving through from the other rooms so to begin with I would like to welcome Lucas,

Sophie B, Jules, Ethan, Archie S, Oliver, Arthur, and Lewis.

Pre- School have been having some lovely morning time discussions about our senses and the children are doing very well at remembering what our 5 senses are and what we use them for.



We have used the herbs from the garden to find out which one smells the nicest and most of us seemed to like the mint plant the best although there was one that smells like 'chicken curry'.

We used some lovely smelling lavender to make some lavender bags to be put amongst our socks to make them smell nice.



The children were busy helping Sharon the cook out by making a yummy cake for lunch, while we were doing this we were able to use all 5 senses to explore the ingredients and then have a taste of the yummy cake once it was baked in the oven.

All the children have been exploring the new digging area in the garden, they have been using buckets, spades and rakes to make marks and patterns in the soil.

Keep a look out for new things as they appear in the garden.



Jen, Heather, Denise

Nursery Invoices

We are now sending out monthly invoices to you via email to confirm the monthly nursery fees. These are sent to you before your payment is due for your perusal. If you find that the total is incorrect please forward an email to head office as soon as possible using the email address headoffice@positivestepsnurseries.co.uk There will be a deadline on the invoice for contacting us with regards to changing any of the payments. We will then be able to correct our paperwork before we actually call for the fees via direct debit from your bank. Payments will be taken as per the invoice unless contact is made to head office to advise us of any change. We cannot be responsible for any charges accrued due to direct debit being taken.

Forthcoming dates

2nd October - Jeans for Genes day
26th October - Half Term starts
3rd November - Parents Evening
8th December - Christmas Production and Baby party

Christmas opening times

Just an early reminder that we will be closing at 5pm on the 24th December and then re-opening on Monday 4th January at 7:45am.

Tiny Mites

We now have Anna back doing Tiny Mites, we now have Tiny Mites on Thursday afternoons every other week, and we had to change to this day so that we could continue with Anna.

French

French is now back on a Tuesday morning, there are now 3 groups for duration of 20 minutes each and our new teachers name is Amalia.

Garden plans

We are looking at creating a planting area for the children ready for spring and would like to ask if you have any leftover bulbs from your winter planting that you would be willing to donate to us. We are looking for all different types and styles so the children can see differences in colours and styles as well as different rates of growth.

Library

As some of you may be aware we have a positive steps library in our foyer area just opposite the baby's pegs for their coats and bags. Please feel free to borrow a book from the library and if you have any books that you would like to donate to us then please pass them onto Jen or Caroline. We are asking that they are factual books about children no novels please.

Kind Regards,

Jen, Caroline and the Stokenchurch Team.



Last but not least . . .

We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday, as they will be celebrating in October:

Happy Birthday

Ruby
Freddie
Emile
Joshua
Elliot
Korbyn

