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WINTER NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to introduce our first termly newsletter, designed to keep parents and carers informed about the various events scheduled for each term. These updates will keep you informed about everything happening throughout the academic period. However, we will continue to post any upcoming events on our social media pages and via email.

This month is full of exciting events, we will be enjoying a delicious Christmas Dinner with all of our friends, festive themed art sessions in our Art studio and some very special visits! We can't wait to see you throughout the month and look forward to all the fun winter activities ahead! Please look out on social media for all our exciting events planned this month!

As the temperatures continue to drop, we'd like to kindly remind all parents to bring in labelled warm hats, coats, and wellies. We love spending time in our outdoor environments, and the winter months are no exception! Whether it's exploring the garden, engaging in winter-themed activities, or simply enjoying the fresh air, we're excited to continue fostering outdoor learning and exploration, no matter the weather.

Lastly, a friendly reminder that over the Christmas period, we'd love to see what our children have been up to! Feel free to share any photos with us via the app—it's a wonderful way for the children to share their festive experiences with their friends. They always take such pride in showcasing these moments during their fika times!

Kelly

Dates for your diary

Holidays and Closures:

- December 25th- January 1st
Nursery is closed

Other:

- Every Friday we will be wearing our Christmas Jumpers to raise money for a very special family!
- Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner
- Friday 13th December – Term Time finishes
- Friday 20th December – Stretch Funding last day
- Monday 6th January – Term time resumes, Stretch Funding resumes
- Tuesday 4th February – Pancake Day
- Wednesday 5th February – Opening Evening 6-8pm

Don't forget to follow
our Social Media:





The Nest and Nook

In our Nest, we have supported the children's fine motor skills with winter-themed tuff trays. Encouraging the children to roll, scoop, pinch, and move objects of various sizes, incorporating a range of textures for them to explore. The children particularly enjoyed the coloured chickpeas, posting them through the tubes and using spoons to scoop them up. This activity has also helped them develop their skills in using spoons during mealtimes. In our Nook, the children have explored different textures through sensory activities, focusing on winter themes. We have used a variety of scented playdoughs, which the children loved smelling and rolling between their hands.

Continue at home

Make playdough at home with festive scents like cinnamon, vanilla, or peppermint. Let your child roll, press, and cut shapes with it.

The Atelier

The children have shown remarkable enthusiasm for musical activities outdoors and for listening closely to the sounds in their environment. The regular passing of trains continues to spark great curiosity and excitement. They have demonstrated growing confidence in their vocal performances and rhythmic participation during our Sing and Sign sessions, where they actively engage with each activity. Additionally, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their Tappy Toes sessions, showing incredible energy and focus. Their enthusiasm shines through as they put their all into every move, making each session a joy.

Continue at home

Use household items to create simple instruments, like a shaker from a sealed container with rice or a drum from a pot and wooden spoon. Play along to their favourite songs.

The Academy

Our Academy class has enthusiastically embraced the changing seasons, gathering natural treasures during scavenger hunts in the garden. The children used their collected items to create stunning nature art windows, excitedly discussing the materials and their creative process. They also had great fun making stick families, using sticks and leaves to represent members of their own families. This activity sparked so many wonderful conversations as the children shared stories about their families and their adventures at home. The children are looking forward to the upcoming month of celebrations, including Christmas, Hannukah, and other festivals celebrated around the world.

Continue at home

Head out for a library visit to explore books and stories about cultural festivals, such as Christmas, Hanukkah, and Diwali. Look for books such as Hanukkah Bear by Eric Kimmel and The Snowman by Raymond Briggs.

Recipe of the Month

SPICED APPLE CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

- Oil
- 750g Bramley cooking apples, cored and thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 250g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- 2 large eggs
- 50g demerara sugar
- 200ml semi-skimmed milk
- 100ml sunflower oil



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 190°C/Fan 170°C/Gas 5, then line a 23cm spring clip cake tin with baking parchment. Mist the base and sides with oil.
2. Put the apple slices in a bowl and toss with the lemon juice and zest.
3. Mix the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and spice in a large mixing bowl.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs with the 50g of sugar, the milk and sunflower oil.
5. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, stirring lightly until combined – use the whisk to break up any stubborn lumps.
6. Toss the lemony apples through the cake batter until evenly mixed and pour the mixture into the prepared tin.
7. Bake the cake in the centre of the oven for 1 hour until it is well risen and golden on top. Test the cake by inserting a skewer into the centre – it should slide easily through the apples in the middle and come out clean.
8. Leave the cake to cool for 10 minutes before removing it from the tin and carefully peeling off the baking parchment.

Recent Training

Rhiannon, Naomi, Lisa, Grace, Billie Jo and Rubi have all completed their Prevent Training this month.

Kelly has also attended an ABC Does conference.

Colleague Spotlight

We want to welcome Grace, who has recently joined our team! Grace is a fantastic practitioner who brings a lot of enthusiasm and energy to our nursery. She loves getting stuck into every activity alongside the children, following their lead, and enhancing their play at every opportunity. We are thrilled to have her on our team and look forward to all the wonderful moments she will share with the children. Welcome, Grace!

