

Hitchin Newsletter

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

We have had a very busy month, take a look at what they have been up to and what we will be doing next month.

What have we been up to...

Happy Father's Day to all our amazing Daddies and Grandads!

Each room created a range of special gifts for their special male role models. The children chose and crafter cards, medals, poems and trophies and so much more.

We have also been loving the sunny weather and cooling off with lots of water play.



This month

Little Chicks celebrated World Giraffe Day by exploring a sensory tuff tray and learning lots of fun giraffe facts.



Little Toads developed imagination in Molly's amazing food stall. The each took it in turns to choose which food they would like to buy from shop keeper Molly.



Butterflies enhanced their grip and manipulation by using tools to dig in the soil. The loved finding lots of treasure.



Pre-school have been busy caring for the flowers in their new planters. Look how tall the beautiful flowers have grown!



Hedgehogs have been celebrating Insect Week by creating beautiful butterfly and ladybird pictures using paint, glue and tissue paper.



Owls have been tasting different fruits in their book of the month *Handa's Surprise* by Sileen Browne. The children discussed the different taste, texture, feel and look of the fruits they tried.



Parent Notices

Owls Graduation

We are looking forward to seeing our wonderful owls children graduation on Saturday 19th July. Please speak to a member of Owls team for more information.

Outdoor play

Please can I ask all parents to bring in appropriate footwear for the garden (even if your child is not walking yet) as well as sunhats.

End of term

A small remind that the end of Term is 18th July.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
30 th June- 13 th July	Wimbledon
5 th July	Alice's Day (Alice's adventures in wonderland)
7 th July	World Chocolate Day
14 th July	Shark Awareness day
14 th July	Hedgehogs Stay and play/ 'Swim It' fundraiser
19 th July	Pre-School Graduation
29 th July	International Tiger Day
30 th July	International Friendship Day of Friendship

Hedgehogs stay and play

On Monday 14th July, Hedgehogs would like to invite all their children and parents/ grandparents to join them 3pm-4pm for a water themed stay and play session. We will also be selling delicious treats in Hedgehogs pick up time for all parents, to sponsor Abi who is completing the MacMillan cancer charity 'Swim It' challenge. For more information, please speak to a member of the Hedgehogs team.

As some of you may be aware, we are delighted that Debi has accepted the permanent role of Assistant manager at Toad Hall Hitchin.

Recipe of the Month - Pork Ragu with crushed new potatoes and broccoli



(Serves 5)

Ingredients

Minced Pork – 300 g
Carrot Large – 1 diced
Celery Stick- 1 diced
Diced onions- 1
Crushed garlic – 1 clove
Tinned tomatoes – 800 g
Tomato Puree – 1 tbsp
Thyme – 2 tsp
Potatoes – 800 g
Dairy-free spread – 30 g
Chives- 1 tbsp
Broccoli- 200 g

Method

- 1.Heat a pan with oil, add pork mince and brown.
- 2.Remove from heat and drain.
- 3.Dice the onions and mince the garlic.
- 4.Heat a pan with oil and fry the onions, carrots, celery and garlic until soft and then add the mixed herbs.
- 5.Return the browned mince back to the pan and mix.
- 6.Add the tinned tomatoes, tomato puree and approximately a quarter tin of water (from the tinned tomatoes).
- 7.Bring to the boil and allow to simmer for approximately 45 minutes.
- 8.In the meantime, cook the potatoes until soft enough to pierce with a knife. Drain and mix in the spread and chives to melt. Crush before serving
- 9.Boil the Broccoli
- 10.To finish the ragu, mix cornflour with some water and stir into the ragu to thicken it. Allow to simmer for a further 10 minutes.



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