

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our August newsletter. We have had a very busy July, take a look at what they have been up to and what we will be doing in July.

What have we been up to...

Owls had a beautiful graduation! The children walked down the aisle where their key person spoke about their future dreams, current interests and the incredible skills they have learnt at Toad Hall. To everyone who is leaving us this summer we wish you all the best on your new adventures, we will miss you all!

This month

Hedgehogs had a great stay and play session. The children and parents loved exploring lots of different water themed activities. We also hosted a bake sale where we raised lots of money to sponsoring Abi who is completing the *Swim it* challenge for MacMillian cancer support charity.

Owls had a very special visitor this month – Mersey, a former Toad Hall child who is now in Year 2 at school! Mersey kindly shared stories and experiences about school life and answered all our curious questions.

Butterflies have been exploring the theme *Under the sea*. They used a range of craft materials to design their own jelly fish, starfish and other deep-sea creatures.

Badgers have been playing a traffic light game. The children were encouraging to follow simple instruction using the words 'go' and 'stop'.

Hedgehogs have been trying out their new 6-seater push chair. We took them for a walk to the park and a yummy picnic snack.



Parent Notices

Drop off and pick ups

Please can I ask all parents to ensure they do not allow anyone else into the building or follow anyone else in. This is to keep all of our children and staff safe.

Can I also remind you that we do not allow dogs into our garden (except service dogs). If you are bringing them with you to collect your child, please secure them outside of our gates.

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.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
4 th August	International Owl Awareness Day
9 th August	Rice Pudding Day
10 th August	World Lion Day
12 th August	World Elephant Day
19 th August	World Photo Day

Owls last Forest School adventure

The children learned how to safely make a fire using a flint. They then toasted their marshmallows, carefully keeping a safe distance from the flames. Once the marshmallows were perfectly toasted, the children sandwiched them between two rich tea biscuits. What a delicious treat!



Recipe of the Month – Jerk Chicken with Wholegrain Rice



(Serves 5)

Ingredients

Chicken (diced) - 300g
Cajun Spice - 3 tsp
Tomato Puree - 20g
Smoked Paprika - 3 tsp
Cinnamon - 1 tsp
Onions (diced) - 1 whole
Garlic - 1 clove
Ginger - 1 tsp
Soft Brown Sugar - 20g
Lime Juice - 25ml
Thyme - 3 tsp
Rice - 360g
Peas - 100g

Method

1. Heat oven to 180°C. With a stick blender whizz together the onion, thyme, garlic, spices and tomato puree. Stir in the lime juice and a splash of water.
2. Coat the chicken in the paste and roast in the oven until golden brown and cooked through.
3. Bring a pot of water to the boil and cook the rice. Adding the peas for the last 10 minutes. Bring to a boil
4. Serve the chicken with the vegetable rice

Vegetarian Option: Use Mixed beans



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Kind Regards

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