

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our October newsletter.

The children and staff have all been settling well into their new rooms. We understand that change can be a scary thing at any age, but everyone has enjoyed the new experiences it has brought. Over the month the staff and children have been building new bonds and learning lots of new things about each other.

Take a look at what we
have been up to in
September ...

Nursery NMT Awards

We are proud to announce that Kerry has been selected as a finalist for the NMT SENCO award 2025!

Kerry has been a part of the Toad Hall family for over 20 years. Her passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment shines through every single day. She consistently goes above and beyond to support children, families and colleagues, making a lasting difference to everyone around her. Please join us in wishing her all the luck for this award.



Last month...

Hedgehogs have been exploring with their senses this month through different topics such as animals and autumn. The children explored using their senses such as sense of smell and touch with different scented playdough.

This month **Little Toads** have started their autumnal activities. They have been exploring leaves and autumn colours, creating autumn pictures. They even collected conkers and explored rolling them around in paint to explore their inner artists.

In **Butterflies**, the children have been exploring dinosaurs using magnifying glasses, comparing different sizes and learning about 'big' and 'small'. They have also been focusing on the importance of handwashing, discussing why it matters and taking part in scientific experiments to see how germs are washed away.

This month **Pre-School** have been working towards understanding and recognising numbers. They enjoyed having a book of the week, their favourite being *The Gruffalo*. They then explored making their own interpretation of the Gruffalo by using different materials like tissue paper and paints.



Parent Notices

Dates for your diary

Nursery Fee's:

Please can we remind you that all fee's need to be paid on the 1st of every month. A 5% late charge will be charged for all late payments. If you need any help, please speak to a member of the senior team.

Parents evening:

We will be holding a parents evening on **Thursday 30th October**. Please speak to your child's key worker to book in a slot.

Halloween party:

We will be holding a Halloween party for all the children and parents on **Friday 31st October**. If this is not your child's usual day you are welcome to bring them along and attend with them. Please join in the fun from 3 till 4.30. There will be a party tea, followed by lots of fun and messy activities.

Date	Event
30 th October	Parents evening
31 st October	Halloween party

Ey Log reminder:

Please can you ensure your child has at least two emergency contacts with photos, numbers and passwords. Please can you also ensure you have filled in all your children's permissions. If you need your child's profile resent to add any of these please let a senior member of staff know. Thank you.



Recipe of the Month – Homemade Quorn sweet 'n sour with couscous



(Serves 5)

Ingredients

Onions – 1 diced
Green beans – 100 g
Garlic (minced) – 2 cloves
Pineapple (fresh) ¼ whole
Malt Vinegar – 80 ml.
Soft brown sugar – 45 g
Soy Sauce – 1 tbsp.
Tomato purée – 70 g
Ground ginger – ½ tsp.
Cornflour – 1 tbsp.
Quorn (diced) – 1 kg
(use vegetables for under 1)
Broccoli – 300 g
Couscous – 180 g

Method

1. In a pan lightly fry onions and garlic.
2. Add ground ginger, vinegar and sugar.
3. Add tomato purée and soy sauce.
4. Add approximately 100 ml of water and bring to a simmer.
5. Combine cornflour with a small amount of water and mix into the pan until it thickens.
6. Cook out cornflour and add pineapple chunks.
7. Floret the broccoli and top and tail the green beans.
8. In a small pan boil the broccoli and green beans until al dente
9. Fry Quorn to caramelise.
10. Add Quorn and vegetables to sauce.
11. Serve with cooked couscous.