

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our October newsletter! September was a wonderful month, the children have been busy learning, exploring, and having lots of fun. Take a look at some of the highlights from last month, as well as the exciting things we have planned for this month.

Whats to come...

Welcome to October! The month where the mornings and evenings get darker sooner, but we can't complain, as we had a beautiful summer!

October will be fun filled with activities, the children will be taking part in our annual Halloween Zoo Lab, they will have the opportunity to observe and touch some animals if they want to, developing their knowledge and understanding of the world. Look out for stay and play sessions in October, these are lovely events put on by the rooms, which allow parents to come in for an hour and take part and experience what we do everyday!

We also have our annual nursery professional photos on the 28th September, and 2nd October please look out for notices on this!



What we have been up to...

September has been a month of focusing on the children's personal, social and emotional development and settling the children back into nursery for those who returned from summer break and for all our new children joining. The children all settled very quickly and have been enjoying exploring the environment and taking part in lots of activities.

The children have been taking part in reading the Gruffalo book and then extending this to make a messy tray for the children to explore, they really seemed to enjoy taking part listening to the sounds of the words.



The children have also enjoyed learning about how and what we recycle, I am sure lots of you have heard your child singing the recycle song! It hopefully is prompting your child to turn off the lights when they do not need them on or telling you to turn off the tap when you do not need it on.



Parent Notices

Nursery security

Please could we ask all parents not to let other parents into the nursery. Our safeguarding policy stresses that all parents buzz into the nursery individually. If the room you are buzzing is not answering please ensure that you buzz the office, and Natalie or Sharon will be able to assist.

Parking

Whilst we understanding that parking can be a little limited out the front of the nursery, please could we ask that no parents are blocking in Natalie or Sharon, we do have parking at the back of the nursery, if there is no space at the front of the nursery.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
28 th September and 2 nd October	Professional photographs
26 th October - 30 th October 26	Half term for Term time ONLY children
30 th October 26	Halloween dress up



Recipe of the Month

Chicken & Veg Pie

Ingredients

- 250g diced chicken breast or thigh Quorn
- 200g mixed root veg (carrot, parsnip, beetroot & swede)
- 150ml low-sodium chicken stock
- ¼ tsp dried herbs
- 40ml semi-skimmed milk
- 20g unsalted butter
- 20g plain flour
- Ready-made puff pastry
- 1 egg, beaten (for glaze)

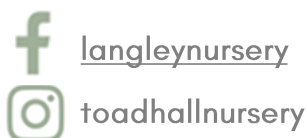
Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (fan).
2. Boil/Roast diced root veg until just tender & mash.
3. In a large pan, cook chicken/**Quorn** until browned and cooked through.
4. Make a roux with butter and flour, whisk in milk and stock to form sauce.
5. Add veg, chicken and herbs; stir to coat.
6. Pour mixture into deep trays
7. Roll out puff pastry and cut into circles with pastry cutter, cook on a baking sheet separately to the pie mix then serve age-appropriate amounts.
8. Bake 30-35 minutes until golden and piping hot.
9. Cool before serving.

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