

Chessington Newsletter



Toad Hall
Children's Nursery

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our January newsletter! December 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 January.

What's to come...

We will be kicking off January with a welcome back Coffee Morning on Tuesday 6th January to welcome you back from the Christmas break.

We will be focusing on personal, social and emotional development with the children as they return from the festive season. It would be lovely to see some photos and updates of your child while they are off nursery for Christmas.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs have been busy developing their fine and gross motor skills as well as physical development as they participated in activities in the garden including building sandcastles and riding the bikes. The children are also developing their communication skills as they read stories in the book corner, turning the pages while identifying the pictures.

Little Toads have been developing their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination as they explored the peg boards. This also supported the children's vocabulary and colour recognition as they identified the colours of the pegs. The children also enjoyed participating in an obstacle course in the garden, developing their gross motor skills.

In **Owls**, the children have enjoyed developing their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination as they cut with scissors and used tweezers to pick up objects. These experiences link closely with supporting early writing skills, as the children have been practising their pencil grip, letter recognition, and writing their own names.

Parent Notices

Welcome back Coffee Morning on Tuesday 6th January. We look forward to seeing you there!

Reminder – bring in warm clothes!

Now the weather is cooling down, please remember to pack some warmer layers for your child.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Thursday 1 st December	New Year's Day
Tuesday 6 th January	Welcome back morning
Monday 19 th January	Big Energy Saving Week
Monday 23 rd January	Big Garden Bird Watch



Recipe of the Month - Carrot and Date Slice



(Serves 6-8)

Ingredients

Self Raising Flour – 250g
Oil – 70 ml
Carrots (grated) – 200g
Apple – 1
Egg - 3
Butter (melted) – 50g
Dates – 150g
Raisins - 75g
Baking Powder- 1 tsp
Cinnamon – 1 tsp

Method

1. Set oven to 180 C and line a baking tray.
2. Pour boiling water over the dates and leave to soak while you measure out the ingredients and grate the carrot and apple.
3. Drain and finely chop the dates
4. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs together with the butter and oil. Add the grated carrots, apple, dates, raisins and mix well.
5. Pour in the flour, baking powder and cinnamon and fold in.
6. Scrape into the lined tray and bake for 40-45 mins.