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Ottershaw Newsletter

Toad Hall Children's Nursery

Welcome

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

We are delighted to share that Louise has been nominated as our Employee of the Month. Well, done, Louise!



What's to come...

There is lots going on in November. The children will be celebrating Guy Fawkes night, learning about Remembrance Day, taking part in some Diwali themed activities, practicing being kind on World Kindness Day, celebrating Children in Need and looking at all things Scottish on St. Andrew's Day.

In October...

Hedgehogs have enjoyed lots of autumn activities this month. They have practiced their gross motor skills with an autumn obstacle course and been creative making pumpkin pictures. They have also enjoyed looking at all their new books and had a *Dear Zoo* inspired tuff tray where they had to find all the animals.

Little Toads have enjoyed lots of fun activities. They practiced their fine motor skills with a tuff tray where they used tweezers to try and get the animals out from inside a tape web. They have enjoyed the autumn themed sand tray and explored mini pumpkins, pinecones and other autumnal objects.

Owls celebrated Space Week by learning all about space, decorating rockets and creating their own planets. During Science Week, they became little scientists, exploring different experiments and creating their own potions. The children have also enjoyed autumn-inspired activities, including leaf printing and making autumn soup. To round off the month, they got creative with spooky Halloween arts and crafts and had lots of fun showing off their Halloween costumes!





Parent Notices

Winter Clothes

Now that the weather is changing can you please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor play. The children access the garden in all weathers so please make sure they have a warm coat, gloves and wellies for the wet days. Thank you.

Green wet bags

We have recently introduced reusable green bags for wet/soiled clothing. Some of you may have already had these sent home with your child. Can we please ask that any bags sent home are washed and returned to nursery so they can be used again.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
5th November	Guy Fawkes Night
8th November	Diwali
11th November	Remembrance Day
13th November	World Kindness Day
13th November	Children in Need
30th November	St. Andrew's Day

Recipe of the Month

Broccoli & Stilton Soup

Ingredients

- ½ head of Broccoli
- 1 onion, diced
- Vegetable oil
- 375 ml vegetable stock (low-salt)
- 50g Stilton cheese, crumbled or Dairy free blue/soft cheese
- 25ml whole milk or Dairy free milk

Method

- Sauté onions in oil until softened.
- Add broccoli and stock, simmer for 15 minutes until tender, stir in stilton and simmer for a further 4-5 minutes, ensuring the cheese is fully melted in, and the soup is piping hot at this stage.
- Blend until smooth, stir in milk then blend again.
- Serve warm in child-appropriate portions.

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