

Ottershaw Newsletter

Welcome

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

We are delighted to share that Marwa was been nominated as our employee of the month. Well, done, Marwa!



It was lovely to see our parents enjoying a takeaway breakfast. We hope even more of you will enjoy the next one on 3rd November.



What's to come...

During October Hedgehogs will be looking at the changing seasons, the colours of the leaves, spiders, their webs and pumpkins. Little Toads will be enjoying leaf printing and nature activities and looking forward to Halloween and Owls will be taking part in some seasonal activities and getting ready for Halloween with spooky arts and crafts.

In September...

Hedgehogs have been enjoying making the most of both the sunshine and the rain in the garden! They have been exploring how water moves by pouring it through different tubes and have also enjoyed experimenting with balls and cars to see how they move along different pathways. The children have been using the sand to make different shapes using the moulds and spades.

Little Toads have been hunting for bugs using magnifying glasses to make them bigger. They have been learning about life cycles and how the insects change. The children enjoyed using the train tracks to create their own tracks and see how long they could make them. They have been exploring with playdough and describing the texture and what they are doing and making.

Owls have been exploring space, reading space books and talking about the different planets. They really got involved in Recycle week and enjoyed taking part in activities made from rescued cardboard and other materials that would have been put in the rubbish. They also learned about what recycling is and what can and can't be recycled.



Parent Notices

Labelling Clothes

We are finding that more and more clothes are going missing. Can we please ask that you label all of your children's clothing including their shoes.

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.

Social media

Did you know, you can find us on [Instagram](#) as well as our Facebook page? Please follow along to see the fun we have!

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
1 st – 31 st October	Black History Month
4 th October	World Animal Day
4 th – 10 th October	World Space Week
17 th October	World Singing Day
25 th October	International Artist Day
30 th October	Halloween Party 3pm to 5pm
3 rd November	Parents take away Breakfast

Recipe of the Month

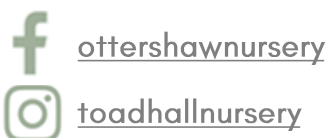
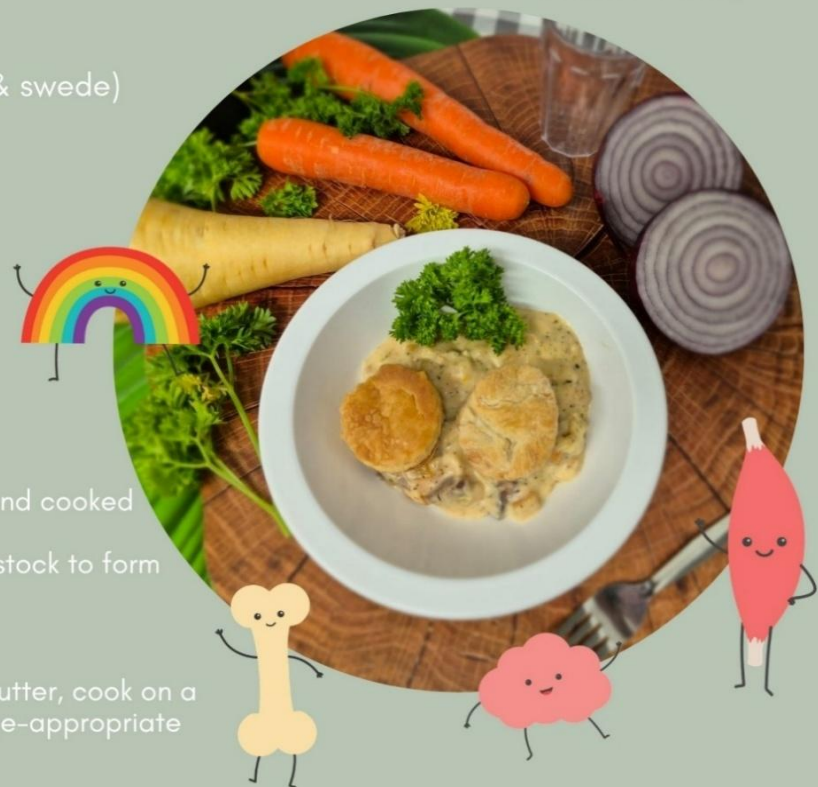
Chicken & Veg Pie

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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