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Walton-on-Thames Newsletter



Toad Hall
Children's Nursery

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

The children have had a wonderful July and have all been very busy. Take a look at what they have been up to and will be doing in August.

What have we been up to...



Hedgehogs have been celebrating *artists* month. The took art in a cubism activity with masking tape and paint, they celebrated American Independence Day with a red white and blue tuff tray and firework painting with junk modeling. The children cooled down during the hot weather by making their own fruit ice lollies and taking part in ice play. Next month, the theme is *holidays*, and we will be making sensory bottles linking in with the seasons. They will be discussing where they like to go on holiday and do themed tuff trays about different countries. They will also try different foods from around the world.

This month in **Butterflies** we have enjoyed watching our pumpkin, sunflowers and potatoes grow in the allotment. We have been giving them lots of water. We celebrated American Independence Day at our party, painting USA flags and creating fireworks. Our theme was artists, and we used easels to do some painting, and we have made some self portraits exploring our different features.

Little Toads have continued to enjoy lots of fun tuff tray activities this month. They have been exploring fruit frozen in ice and trying to get it out, they have explored textures and colours. The children have tried some different ways of making art by painting with flowers and enjoyed making potions in the water tray with some flower petals. Next month, the theme will be holidays, and the children will have beach themed tuff trays, look at how we travel on holidays and what different foods are eaten around the world.

Badgers have been taking part in activities based on the theme of Artists. They explored different patterns, discussed their similarities and differences, and created their own beautiful designs. The children have also been enjoying the warmer weather with summer-themed role play, including a lemonade stand, ice cream parlour, and puppet show. Next month, we'll be talking about Holidays – exploring the different kinds of holidays we might go on, whether it's travelling to another country, going camping, or enjoying a boat trip. We'll also be holding an Oral Health Morning, where the children will learn about brushing their teeth and which foods are good, or not so good for healthy smiles.

Owls have been celebrating Artist's Month by exploring the work of famous artists and recreating their artwork using a variety of media. They've also been developing their number recognition skills and practising placing numbers in the correct order. During our sports taster session, the children enjoyed trying out a range of activities and learning new skills. Next month's theme is Holidays. We'll be exploring different countries, how we travel to them, and learning about healthy eating and how to take care of our teeth.

Parent Notices

Summer Fair

We are very sorry that we have had to rearrange the date of our summer fair due to the weather, but we are still looking forward to seeing you all there again this year. We will be holding some fun games for the children to take part in, have local independent stall holders coming along as well as an ice cream van and barbeque. We will be selling tickets for our raffle on the day and have some wonderful prizes on offer including a £20 Garson's voucher and free entry for 2 people at Bocketts farm. We are still collecting donations for our bottle tombola, and you can pop any donations in the box in the entrance. All the money raised at the event will be going to Well child our chosen charity.

Warm weather clothing

Can we please remind you to provide your child with a named hat for them to wear in the garden. Can we also please ask that the children are not coming in wearing sandals, crocs or open toed shoes as these can be a risk in the garden when that children are running around.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
19 th August	Parent forum
21 st August	Oral health Morning Pre school
5 th September	Grandparents Day stay and play 3pm to 5pm
9 th September	Teddy bears picnic 3pm to 5pm
12 th September	Roald Dahl dress up day

Reminders

Can we please ask parents to ensure that children are not running ahead of them to the door. During the busier times of the day if children have run ahead to the door there is a risk that they may be able to get out and into the car park unattended which could result in an accident.

We have noticed that more children are using the gardens after they have been collected for the evening. Can we please ask that children are not using the gardens at these times as we have seen an increase in accidents happening and staff have also spent time clearing the garden ready for the next day.

Recipe of the Month – Jerk Chicken with Wholegrain Rice



(Serves 5)

Ingredients

Chicken (diced) - 300g
Cajun Spice - 3 tsp
Tomato Puree - 20g
Smoked Paprika - 3 tsp
Cinnamon - 1 tsp
Onions (diced) - 1 whole
Garlic - 1 clove
Ginger - 1 tsp
Soft Brown Sugar - 20g
Lime Juice - 25ml
Thyme - 3 tsp
Rice - 360g
Peas - 100g

Method

1. Heat oven to 180°C. With a stick blender whizz together the onion, thyme, garlic, spices and tomato puree. Stir in the lime juice and a splash of water.
2. Coat the chicken in the paste and roast in the oven until golden brown and cooked through.
3. Bring a pot of water to the boil and cook the rice. Adding the peas for the last 10 minutes. Bring to a boil
4. Serve the chicken with the vegetable rice

Vegetarian Option: Use Mixed beans