

Wellingborough Newsletter



Welcome,

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

What's to come...

Now that the autumn months are coming, the children will begin to explore more natural resources, talk about the seasonal changes, explore the different textures in leaves and engage in a wide range of pumpkin activities!

Please ensure that your children come to nursery with lots of spare clothes ready for all of the exploratory play.



We will also be continuing to support all the children with their Singing Lisa sessions, as well as the Owls children with their football sessions. These extra-curricular activities have already had such a positive impact, and it is wonderful to see how excited the children become when Lisa and Ollie arrive at the Nursery. Their enthusiasm and enjoyment during these sessions has been fantastic to see!



If you find any conkers, sticks, flowers and autumnal leaves during your weekends, can you please bring them in, and we will use them in our activities!

What we have been up to...

Owls Room

The children have been exploring natural resources such as pinecones, sticks, leaves and flowers within their arts and design sessions, allowing their imaginations and creativity to flourish. We have also introduced some new dressing-up equipment for the children to explore. They have had lots of fun walking around in high-heeled shoes, trying on different sunglasses engaging in imaginative play within the home corner.



Little Toads have been exploring stories and rhymes through play, developing their listening, communication and understanding skills along the way. The children have enjoyed going on their very own bear hunt, using their feet to explore and feel a variety of different textures. As they moved through the experience, they had lots of fun copying familiar phrases from the story and joining in with the actions. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming so engaged and confident when bringing stories and rhymes to life through play!



Hedgehogs staff have welcomed many new families to the room in September; the children have all settled in with their key workers.

Hedgehogs have also been developing their physical skills, taking part in music and movement, climbing in the garden and exploring a variety of sensory activities.



Parent Notices

Staffing Updates

We have two new staff members joining Toad Hall this month, Shaihlal will be based in the Hedgehogs Room and Claire will be covering all the Rooms.

We would like to wish Jade the best of luck in her new job and thank her for all her hard work at Toad Hall.

Dates for your diary

We are inviting all the children to join in with our Halloween fun by dressing up on Friday 30th October, if they would like to.



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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