

Welcome,

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

We hope everyone has been enjoying the sun! We have been keeping cool with lots of exciting indoor activities. The children had a wonderful time taking part in messy play, listening to their favourite stories, and singing lots of songs together.

What's to come...

Staff updates

We are delighted to welcome three new members of staff to the Toad Hall team over the coming weeks. Sophie and Marilena are joining us as Modern Apprentices and will be spending time getting to know the children and working across all three of our rooms.

We are also excited to welcome Skye, our new Level 3 Nursery Nurse, who will be based in the Little Toads Room. We hope you'll all join us in giving them a very warm Toad Hall welcome!

This month, we say goodbye Ella and Ena from our Little Toads Room, who will be leaving us on 10th August. We would like to thank them for everything they have done during their time with us and wish them every success, happiness, and excitement as they begin their new adventures.

Also, a huge congratulations to Tricia and Lily for passing their Level 3 childcare qualification! We are all so proud of them.

What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs

This month in hedgehogs we have enjoyed reading books together and creating art to put on our new 'favourite book' display! We have also been looking at the colours of the rainbow by exploring different coloured gloop, playdough and making our own stain glass window!

Little Toads

This month in little toads we have been celebrating the World Cup! We have been making playdough footballs as well as painting our own footballs! We have also been experimenting with all kinds of sensory activities such as shaving foam, sand, water and gloop. The children have loved getting their hands messy!

Owls

This month in Owls we have been enjoying summer crafts. We made bubble pictures in which we were learning how to blow through a bottle top to create bubbles. We also celebrated the 4th of July by making fireworks with pipe cleaners and glitter.

Lots of our preschoolers are currently getting ready to leave for school, so some of us have been getting school ready! Our school leavers enjoyed signing out of preschool with their handprints all ready for their next big adventure!

Parent Notices

Please remember the front door must always be closed, and to not let anybody else in even if you know them. Please make sure you use the intercom system to enter the building, so we can keep everyone safe.

If someone other than a parent or usual collector is picking up your child from nursery, please email us on the day of collection to let us know. Please include the full name of the person collecting your child and a recent photo of them. If they have not collected your child before, they will be required to present a form of ID. They will also need to provide your child's collection password before your child can be released into their care.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
5th August	Playday - This highlights the importance of play in a child's development
25th August	National Banana Split Day- let's make our own yummy banana spilt!
28th August	Makaton International Awareness Day
31st August	Bank Holiday Monday - Please don't forget we will be closed



Recipe of the Month

Pea & Paneer Curry

Ingredients

- 300g paneer, cubed
- 500g peas (frozen)
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 200g tinned tomatoes
- 1.5 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tbsp mild curry powder
- 200ml coconut milk
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

Method

1. Heat oil in a large pot, sauté onions and garlic until soft.
2. Stir in curry powder and tomatoes; cook for 5 minutes.
3. Add coconut milk and bring to a gentle simmer.
4. Stir in peas and paneer, simmer for 10-15 minutes until heated through.
5. Serve with rice or naan.

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