



## Pepperberry Newsletter August 2016



### Message from the Management Team

Welcome to this month's newsletter. We have had some lovely weather this month and as you know we strive to promote the importance of getting children outside. Fresh air is proven to help concentration in class and keep the children stimulated. As you are probably aware Ofsted suggests that equal time should be given to teaching indoors and outdoors. The children have been playing outside on our new balance bikes that we bought with some of the money raised at the summer fair. You can see a few of one of these below. We have been having picnics outside (including eating ice lollies to cool down).

We have been taking lots of focus activities outside too. During July, we have been celebrating Eid. The children made celebratory Eid cards and lots of the children dressed up in traditional costumes. The highlight of July for our older children was our graduation ceremony. The children who are leaving for school this summer all sang songs to the parents and were presented with their graduation scrolls. It has been my privilege to visit the schools that these children will be transitioning to. The feedback that I have received from the schools from the children's visits has been very complementary. I am very proud to say that they have been part of our nursery. We wish them all well for their future. Please see all of our pictures on the screen in reception.

### Dates for your diary July/ August:-

**Sports Day & Barnardo's Sponsored Toddlerthon — Wednesday 3rd August.**

**This year we are holding a Sponsored Toddlerthon alongside our Sports Day. This is in support of Barnardo's Big Toddle 2016. The children will all be given a sponsorship form for you to obtain your sponsors. The children will all receive a medal on completion of the toddlerthon and sports day.**

### Reminder

**Just a reminder that Pepperberry uniform is mandatory in our Pre-prep (Chilli Peppers) and in our Pre-School 1 (Grand Peppers) and Pre-School 2 (Pre-School Peppers). These can be purchased from reception.**

### Important Messages

Please can all parents ensure that their child is collected at 1pm or 6pm prompt. If children are left after this time this interferes with ratios and the setting is not insured outside of our opening times.

Could parents please refrain from bringing hair clips for the under 2 year olds as this can be a choking hazard.

We politely request that parents dropping off or collecting children at 1pm after the morning session to consider that there are sleeping children and enter the unit quietly so that the children sleeping are not disturbed.

Please could your child refrain from bringing money or toys with small parts that could come loose into the nursery as this can be a choking hazard. Comfort toys are accepted.

Our local children's hairdresser **Little Big Heads** now come to Pepperberry every 6 weeks so please keep an eye out for the posters and book in for the next time they come in.

If you are on Facebook please 'like' Pepperberry's page. I would like to say a big Thank You to those parents/carers who have already made a comment on our Facebook page. All comments are very much appreciated. [www.facebook.com/pepperberrydaynurseries](http://www.facebook.com/pepperberrydaynurseries)



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### Special Points of interest this month:

- ☺ July highlights see what the children have been up to this month.
- ☺ Preschool Uniform — mandatory
- ☺ Look at our photos from July to see if your child is featured this month.
- ☺ Recipe of the Month
- ☺ Get to know a new member of staff.

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# Get to know our staff...

Each month in our newsletter we introduce you to a new member of our staff team where they tell you a little more about themselves. This is to help you get to know the staff a little better.

This month we will be introducing Ashlee Dala Gill. Ashlee works in the Tiny Peppers Room.

## Ashlee Dala Gill



Ashlee started working for us at the nursery in May this year. Ashlee is an early years practitioner.

Ashlee has her level 4 qualification and is currently studying special educational needs at university. In her free time Ashlee enjoys babysitting or spending time with her partners children. Ashlee also enjoys swimming or going to the gym and cinema with friends.

### What have Baby Peppers been up to this month?

Kimberley Jack (Deputy Unit Leader), Robyn Matthews

Throughout the month of July baby peppers have been taking part in lots of fun activities surrounding our topic of the jungle.



This month baby peppers have enjoyed looking at our books of the month That's Not my Lion,

Tiger and Elephant set. The children enjoyed listening and touching the different textures of the books on each page.

The children also enjoyed listening to the song "Down in the jungle" This month we have also explored sensory activities using lots of different materials. We have been playing with jungle animals with artificial grass and copying actions holding the animals and stomping them on the floor.

Lots of messy play has happened this month including gloop, making footprints of animals in the gloop and sand, the babies also made all the animal sounds.

The babies have also played with the puppets to explore animals and their sounds

With the nice weather we have been outside having fun in the sunshine, and enjoyed treats in the sun with Ice Lollies while cooling down in the shade with our friends.

Our topic next month is all about Fruit and Vegetables, and our book of the month is "Baby faces Peekaboo.

This month we would like to welcome all the new children who have joined us in Baby Peppers

### What have Tiny Peppers been up to?

Becca Daniel (Unit Leader), Debbie Banks, Marta Skockzek, Emily Birks, Kealan Storey, Ashlee Gill, Caryn Malach, Stephanie Halford.

This month in Tiny Peppers our book of the month has been The Gruffalo! We have had lots of exciting activities that have developed



our interest in the story and with the characters. During group time we have been reading the story and interacting with gruffalo props, we have been learning the different animal sounds and saying the characters names.

The Tiny Pepper children have also been lucky enough to go on a few trips this month to the Carrs and also Hawthorne park woods to hunt for the Gruffalo. We were able to get out of our prams and walk around the woods searching for pictures of the Gruffalo and his friends! We have also built our own Gruffalo cave in the garden and explored with the mud kitchen making Gruffalo crumble! The children have also had lots of opportunities to do baking this month, we have tried a new recipe and made rock cakes with lots of multi coloured sprinkles in, we joined in mixing and stirring the ingredients and helping to count as we measured them, we also made our own pizza faces for tea! There has also been lots of opportunity to join in with creative activities such as animal footprint painting,

We have had our last session with rhythm time and Beryl for the summer holidays, this term we have really enjoyed learning new songs and taking part in different rhythm activities! We look forward to welcoming them back in September!

Next month we are going to be following a new topic all about colour! Some of the children have started to show an interest in colours and enjoy experiencing different sensory activities, we will follow this interest by focusing each week on a new colour and incorporating lots of sensory based activities.

## Sweet Peppers

Donna Preston (Senior Practitioner), Rebecca Judge, Rachael Turner, Hannah Baxter, Naila Anwar, Kyrstie Saxon

This month in Sweet Peppers, we have done lots of activities based on our book and rhyme of the month, Portside Pirates and A Sailor went to Sea. Some of these activities included going on a treasure hunt for chocolate coins at the

park using a treasure map we had made in a group within the Sweet Peppers room. We have also provided the children with a variety of craft activities such as making

pirate hats, including gluing, sticking, painting and exploring a variety of places on outdoor trips, such as the park.

This month we also celebrated Eid and made picture cards and talked about this with the children about how different children may celebrate different cultural celebrations.

However this month we have also enjoyed playing outside as we have had such nice weather and sunshine.

Next month our rhyme of the month is Goldilocks and the three bears and Teddy bears picnic.

### Policy of the month:

We are looking at a policy each month and revising our knowledge of the policy that is chosen. This month we have chosen to look at the **Outdoor Play Policy**.

Pepperberry explores all opportunities to provide additional resources to match the individual needs of all children.

Pepperberry considers outdoor play as outdoor learning and children should have equal opportunities in both areas.

## Chilli Peppers

Anush Yadgari (Senior Practitioner), Hannah Ridgway, Claire O'Sullivan

This month in Chilli Peppers we have done lots of activities based on our Book and letter of the month, which is the Gruffalo and G. We have made lots of gruffalos and we glued and stuck brown tissue paper as we talked about what colour the gruffalo was, We also have been painting and colouring big Gruffalo's for our book of the month display, we also made trees for our forest, we used brown paint and green tissue paper for the leaves.

Chilli peppers enjoy getting messy and



have had the big tray full of porridge oats, which all went everywhere. It was so much fun, they were exploring the texture and also using fine and gross motor skills and used brushes to write their first initial of their name.

Chilli peppers are starting to learn some BSL (British Sign Language) with Saphron. They have been learning the basic's such as Hello, Goodbye, Good Morning, Good Afternoon, Please and Thank you. They all listened and did so well at learning and doing the actions.

Our room has had a little move around, the role play has now been expanded and been moved into our reading area and the reading area has been moved into our role play area, giving the children more of a wide space to dress up, and more room to experiment with the foods and making dishes for the other children.

Next month ~

Book of the month -

Letter of the month -

## Grand Peppers

Jennie Hart, Constantine Kitromilides

This month Grand Peppers have been travelling. We started in America where we celebrated Independence Day on the 4th of July. The children enjoyed making American Flags and played some basketball. We also celebrated Eid and made Eid cards with Zaib.

Then we spent a week in France, learning some key words in French and the song "Je Suis Une Pizza". We also spent a week learning about England and the St Georges Flag and we spent our final week in Poland, learning a Polish Carousel Dance. In phonics we have begun to write our letter S with good formation and in maths we have been working on our number recognition. We look forward to learning about history next month!



## Pre-School Peppers

Ashleigh Hasleden (Senior) Jehanzib Malik, Jessica Miskell

This month we have been busy bees. First we had our book of the Month: Winnie at the Seaside. To extend learning in this we transformed the Role Play Area into a beach and Ice Cream stand. In Phonics we have continued to practise blending sounds and writing and in Maths we did some activities which they would normally do in school!

We have also been preparing the children for school, dressing in their soon-to-be uniforms, serving food as it would be served in a school setting. The children have all enjoyed having extra responsibilities.

We have also had our Graduation! We wish all of the Graduates this year good luck and we will miss them so much!!!





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# Recipe of the Month

Brought to you by Pepperberry's Full Time Chef, Matthew

## Moroccan Lamb

### Ingredients

- 500g diced Lamb
- 100g apricots (dried), chopped
- 4 carrots, peeled & grated
- 1 onion (peeled), chopped
- 500ml hot water
- 3 tbsp. tomato puree
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon ground
- 1/2 tsp cumin ground
- 1/2 tsp coriander ground

### Method

Cook Lamb in frying pan for a few minutes, drain off fat and put to one side.

Fry the onions and the spices for 10 minutes until translucent and then add the carrots to the meat

Continue to fry until meat is brown

Add tomato puree, chopped apricots and hot water bring to a gentle simmer, cover with lid and cook for a further 15 minutes

The dish is cooked when most of the liquid has been absorbed.



## July 2016 Photographs



Building sandcastles!!



Sensory Lights!



Decorating biscuits!



Making the Gruffalo cave!



Making patterns!



Fun in the sun!



Music time!



Ready for our trip!



Hand Painting!



Looking for Insects and bugs!



Cup of tea anyone?



Dancing time!



On the balance bike!



Fun in the mud kitchen!



Baking time!