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# Pepperberry Newsletter November 2016



Welcome to this months Newsletter. We have had a very busy month, we started off by celebrating Jewish new year, the children did lots of activities based around this topic.

We finished the week by having a pyjama day on Thursday 6th October where we raised £147.16 for Humphrey's corner charity. Thank you for your donations given on the day.

The Pre school class visited the care home across from the nursery for the Harvest Festival. The children thoroughly enjoyed the time there and the residents at the home also enjoyed the wonderful singing from the children.

## 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 chocking 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 chocking hazard. Comfort toys are accepted.

## Message from the Management Team

All the rooms had pumpkins which they decorated and carved which we displayed in reception.

It was also time for the individual photographs, they will be returned to us in time for Christmas as they can make lovely gifts at this time of year. At the moment the date for the pictures to be returned is yet to be confirmed.

We have also celebrated Diwali - the festival of Lights, the children made cards and crafts associated with the festival and read a story about Diwali.

Also this month it has been an important month for the nursery as we celebrated the nursery being open for five years. We celebrated by having a party and having lots of fun.

It has also been Halloween to end the month. The staff and children all came dressed up, it was lovely to see all the children dressed in their outfits and having another little party tea. The rooms did lots of different activities and messy play throughout the day.

We will be taking part in Children in Need on Friday 18th November and it will be a Spotty day.

Can I remind all parents about our policy concerning childhood immunisations. It is the nursery policy that your child needs to be off from nursery for 24 hours after receiving their immunisations, this includes the Flu jab.

Hope you enjoy this months newsletters and look forward to another busy month ahead.

## Dates for your diary :

**Week commencing 31st Oct**—Bonfire Night

**Friday 11th November**—Remembrance Day

**7th—11th November**—World nursery rhyme week

**18th November**—Children in need

**24th November**—Thanksgiving

**30th November**—St Andrews Day

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## Special Points of interest this month:

☺ **October highlights** see what the children have been up to this month.

☺ PrePrep & Preschool Uniform —mandatory

☺ Look at our photos from **October** 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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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)

# 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 Malak. Malak works in Chilli Peppers.

## Malak Zubir



Malak has a Level 4 higher teaching assistant and presently doing her Level 3 in childcare and education. Malak enjoys cooking and baking, especially oriental and Turkish food. Malak enjoys going swimming, also to relax she likes to sew.

Malak is a bubbly and enthusiastic member of the team and enjoys sharing her love in the creative arts with the children.

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

**Kimberley Jack (Deputy Unit Leader), Robyn Matthews**

Throughout the month of October baby peppers have been taking part in lots of



fun activities surrounding our topic shapes. This month baby peppers have enjoyed looking at our books of the month peek a boo faces. The children enjoyed listening and hiding their faces with their hands and then saying peek a boo when we looked at each page.

This month baby peppers have also enjoyed more sensory experiences exploring lots of different materials we have had lots of fun painting our pumpkins for our display. The children enjoyed painting using paint brushes to paint the pumpkins orange and they also made marks with their hands.

Baby peppers have also enjoyed exploring flour play with the paint brushes making marks and drawing in the flour making different shapes. We have also had lots of fun dressing up for Halloween in our scary outfits. The children have also enjoyed fitting shapes together playing with the stacking putting the smaller cups into the larger cups.

We have also been building high towers with the bricks and enjoyed knocking them down. Our topic for next month will be Bonfire and using our senses. Our rhyme of the month will be ba ba black sheep.

This month we would like to welcome all the new children who have enjoyed baby peppers Aaliya S, Jessica S, Thomas B, Emily B and Ben W. We would also like to say a big good bye to Leo N and Harry J who have now made his transition into tiny peppers. We would also like to say a happy 1st Birthday to Isla P we hope you had lots of fun on your special day!

### What have Tiny Peppers been up to?

**Debbie Banks, Emily Birks, Kealan Storey, Ashlee Gill, Caryn Malach, Stephanie Halford.**

This month we have been looking at



Halloween, and our book of the month the funny bones.

We have made lots of funny bones paintings and spider paintings for our display board. On our Halloween board we have all taken turns to paint and put glitter on our big spooky ghost. The children have also made pumpkins

and paper plates. On our third display we have made a giant pumpkin and lots of little pumpkins which we have all taken part in

We have been given lots of new toys in tiny peppers, we have got a new Bug slide, aqua doodle, noisy eggs and a feed me dinosaur.

This month we have also been working on lots of numbers songs. We have sand 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive and 3 little men in a flying saucer. The children have joined in with the actions and some of the older children have started to say number names randomly.

Next month our book of the month is stickman, we are going to be going in the big garden to find lots of different sticks and leaves that we can paint on.

The children have been getting very messy this month, we have had slimy spaghetti play, sticky gloopy and crunchy crispies play.

Our song of the month is Hilly Billy hedgehog, we will be making lots of hedgehogs over the month to put up on our display board.

## Sweet Peppers

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

This month in sweet peppers we have been doing Halloween activities such as colouring in pictures of pumpkins, spiders, witches and cauldrons. The children have also made ghosts out of balloons and painted them white. We have also started to sing Halloween songs with Beryl on a Tuesday afternoon.



We went for a walk out to collect conkers and also for a Macmillan day at the Wilmslow fire station. The children got juice and biscuits and they also got to sit in the fire engine and listen to the sirens. We talked about what colour the fire engine and the blue flashing lights.

We have enjoyed various messy play activities such as shaving foam and the cars, rice play and pumpkin play. They got to feel the texture of the shaving foam and make marks in it using their fingers and paintbrushes. The children also got to feel the texture of the inside of a pumpkin. The children have also coloured in pictures for Diwali week.

We have made a display for our book of the month which has been room on the broom. We also made a display for the song of the month which is a pumpkin.

We also celebrated Pepperberry day nurseries 5th birthday. We had a party day which involved balloons and a party tea which all the children enjoyed.

Our book of the month for November will be the Gruffalo and the song of the month for November will be Hilly Billy hedgehog.

### 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 **Medication Policy**.

A child must be excluded for 24 hours after receiving any immunisations.

Any medications must be administered by senior members of staff as directed by a doctors instructions and be clearly labelled with the child's name.

## Chilli Peppers

**Anush Yadgari (Senior Practitioner), Hannah Ridgway, Malak Zubir , Sam Watkinson.**

In Chilli Peppers this month we have been doing activities focusing on our book of the month 'Jungle Run' and letter of the month 'N'. We have been busy painting different jungle animals to recreate the characters and we have been gluing and sticking to create the jungle for our display.

The children have also been busy practising writing the letter 'n' and have been exploring and recognising different things that begin with the letter 'n'.

Chilli peppers have been creating various different things in relation to Halloween. All pieces created were done using all kinds of creative materials and they made ghosts using balloons and paint. We made pumpkins using apples and orange paint, spiders from painting their own hands and spiders using hand prints. All creative pieces have been put up for display and used as Halloween decorations ready for our Halloween party.



This month we have also been exploring different musical instruments and the different musical sounds that they make. We have been doing lots of circle time and having been experimenting with musical instruments while singing songs and focusing on how some musical instruments are different from the other in relation to the sound the instrument can make, the way it can be played, and the size of the instrument.

In chilli peppers we also celebrated Pepperberry Day Nurseries 5th birthday. We had a birthday party tea of all different party foods and we also had a birthday party where we played party games such as musical statues and had a party disco.

Next month:-

Book of the month: Little red riding hood.

Letter of the month: "s"

Number of the month: 5

## Pre School 1 & 2

**Ashleigh Haselden (Senior), Jennie Hart, Constatine Kitromilides, Jessica Miskell**

In pre-school this month we have been looking at the story *The enormous Turnip*. Following this, we talked about Harvest and how some different countries might celebrate Harvest. We then went on a special trip to Hawthorn Care Home to sing Harvest and Autumn songs and deliver the Harvest basket. Thank you for all of the donations we received for our basket, it was lovely to see it all put together.

In literacy this month, we have started to blend some simple sounds in words using Action Phonics and for older children, using VC words. We have also enjoyed singing the "baba bay" song and playing some I-Spy to practise our initial sounds.

In Maths we have been looking at shapes and counting down from 10 using our Halloween story: 10 little monsters.

This month we have also been preparing for Halloween, creating a



spooky house, making decorations, talking about the costumes we might wear and how much candy we want to eat. Yum!!

In keeping with this theme, we have added a "potion mixing" corner to the spooky house for the children to experiment with.

It has been a busy month as this month we have also celebrated Diwali, this is the Festival of Lights. We read a special book about Diwali and made some cards. The children all did their best writing and we made pictures using powder paints,

Our book of the month in November will be *Aliens love underpants*, we have lots of exciting activities planned including making a rocket, designing an alien and making a number line...on underpants!!!



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# Recipe of the Month

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

## Chicken Stroganoff

### Ingredients

500g chicken  
1 onion sliced  
100g mushrooms sliced  
100ml stock  
250ml crème fraîche  
1/2 tsp paprika

### Method

Lightly brown the chicken, then remove from pan

Fry the onions and mushrooms for a couple of minutes until the onion starts to soften

Return the chicken to the pan and add the stock. Simmer for a few minutes until the chicken is cooked through

Add the Crème Fraîche and paprika

Stir well and cook for 2 minutes to heat through

Serve with green vegetables and rice or pasta



Harvest Festival!



Macmillan Coffee Morning!



Painting for Halloween



Meeting Fluffy!



Harvest Festival!



Hello there!



Practicing our Letters!



Jo Jo Sensoria!!



Role playing at the Doctors!



Seeing the fire car!



Testing our new slide!



Circle Time!!



Outside classes!



It's our 5th Birthday



Strictly Dancing!