



## Pepperberry Newsletter October 2016



### Message from the Management Team

Heather the nursery receptionist is no longer working for Pepperberry due to a change in personal circumstances. We would like to thank Heather for all her work during her short time with us and wish her all the very best for the future. You can continue to email your queries on the admin email address and a member of management will deal with your query. As you are aware we will be holding a Recruitment Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct and we will keep you informed as soon as a new receptionist is appointed.

We are planning our Christmas Pantomime trip for our Pre-School children. Oh yes we are!

The children in the Pre-School unit will be receiving a letter giving you details of the trip. Please sign the parental consent form in the room if you would like your little one to attend.

#### Dates for your diary :

**Thurs 6th October**—Pyjama Day

**10th October**—Harvest Festival

**17th October**—Individual Photographs

**28th October**—Diwali –festival of light

**9th December**—Pantomime trip

Wow, what a lovely summer we have had. We started September with our celebration of Eid, making cards to take home. We celebrated Jeans for Genes where everyone dressed up in their jeans for the day to raise money for children and people with genetic disorders. We raised a massive £68.77 for this worthy cause. Thank you for your contributions and your continued support in our fundraising days.

We celebrated Grandparents day in our Pre-School unit where Grandparents were invited into nursery to listen to the Pre-School children sing. The children joined their Grandparents in a snack of scones and juice.

### 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.

I held my focus group tour of the nursery, where I invite a small group of parents to tour and inspect our nursery. I am very proud to show you the improvements that we have made to the nursery in the past 6 months. I ask the parents then to complete a questionnaire to give me feedback from their tour. This is a great way for me to learn your views which are invaluable to us.

Our new term of classes have started very successfully. Jo Jo Sensoria with Marta is an amazing sensory class for our younger children, lots of different sensory and musical activities. Strictly Pepperberry has arrived where our professionally qualified dance teacher, Kathryn is now teaching our older children to dance Ballroom and Latin. They are learning the Samba.

Rebecca Daniels our Senior in Tiny Peppers has now left to start her maternity leave awaiting the impending arrival of her new baby. We wish her well and can't wait to meet her little one once it arrives.

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:

- ☉ **September highlights** see what the children have been up to this month.
- ☉ PrePrep & Preschool Uniform —mandatory
- ☉ Look at our photos from **September** 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 Constantine. Constantine works in the Grand Peppers/Pre school 1.

## Constantine Kitromilides



Constantine has a level 2 teaching assistant qualification. Constantine has done supply work at several schools and nurseries within the area, including one to one work with autistic children. His hobbies include travel, cooking, cinema, martial arts and football. He gets fully involved in all of the activities in the nursery and is an asset to our team.

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

Kimberley Jack (Deputy Unit Leader), Robyn Matthews

Throughout the month of September we have been lots of fun activities based on our topic "Under the Sea". The children have enjoyed making paper plate fishes for our display. We used lots of bright colours and the children used the hands to mix the colours together to make beautiful patterns on their fishes. We also made hand print crabs and the babies enjoyed having their hands painted and then we printed them onto paper. The babies also



Enjoyed making bubbles we used stacking cups to print different sized circles onto the paper with blue paint.

This month we have also enjoyed making our colourful snail that has gone on our British Values Board, all our babies enjoyed using different coloured tissue paper, scrunched up that was then stuck on to the snail to make him bright and friendly. Next to our British values board is our family board where we have created a family tree, we would be very grateful if you could help us to fill the tree by bringing in some pictures of your family.

The babies have also had lots of fun in our sensory "under the sea" tray. They enjoyed playing with different sea animals and with different sized boats - introducing big and small, also there was sea shells for texture.

They have also enjoyed exploring shredded paper - looking for different objects in the tray such as sharks, sea shells boats and sea books.

We also enjoyed singing "Fishes in the water ..."

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Daniel, Oliver and Isaac

Our topic of the month, next month will be all about me, our song will be "Head, shoulders, knees and toes" and our book will be "Peek a Boo".

### What have Tiny Peppers been up to?

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

This month in Tiny Peppers we've been looking at the nursery rhyme book and singing lots of our favourite songs. We made a display about humpty dumpty, three blind mice, two little dicky birds and here we go round the mulberry bush.



As well as learning the songs and making arts and crafts for the display, we also did things like an egg and spoon race and bird

watching in the garden. For here we go around the mulberry bush we learnt about washing our hands, washing our face, brushing our hair and brushing our teeth whilst we sang the song.

We've also learnt a new song with Beryl 'Hilly Billy Hedgehog'. We join in nicely with the actions and some of us know some words too!

We've also enjoyed Marta coming into nursery on a Friday morning to do some sensory sessions with us. We've been able to watch our own shadow, shine different lights, played with rainbow coloured spaghetti, listened to rain and wind, taste the sun (a big lemon), feel sand on our bare feet and also have a look and feel of some big sea shells.

The children have enjoyed making brightly coloured scales for our rainbow fish for our new diversity board.

This month we have ventured into the big garden and played with lots of exciting toys and met up with some of our older friends who have moved up to sweet peppers.

Our next topic of the month is obviously going to be Halloween. We're looking forward to making lots of spider biscuits, tasting and decorating pumpkins and also dressing up!

Our book of the month is going to be Funny Bones and our song of the month will be Incy Wincy Spider.

## Sweet Peppers

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

This month in Sweet Peppers we have enjoyed various new activities, such as, autumnal pictures, including going on a trip to the local park to search for leaves, conkers and acorns to look at and make comments about them. We have also introduced some new toys in to Sweet Peppers, such as a new kitchen and the children have enjoyed



being waiters and waitresses for their friends. We have also introduced a new tray which every month we will change the things inside it, for example, porridge oats and pasta, flour, glitter, sand, water and cornflakes to explore new textures and to explore our senses.

Sweet Peppers have also done a lot of work for the displays this month, such as pictures for our book and rhyme of the month, peace and last and we are going on a bear hunt. The children have also made a various amounts of animals for our maths garden display and deepened their understanding of numbers and mathematical language. The children have enjoyed playing outside and going on regular weekly trips, to the park, the fire station and the town centre.

We have had a fantastic month and we cannot wait for next month and to play with many more fun activities and make many more memories.

We have enjoyed having Beryl—Tunes for tots and Football back this month.

The children have also been using foam letters to print letters that are familiar to them or that are used in their names to form their names.

Next month please join us in Room on the broom and a pumpkin for our book and rhyme of the month

### 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,

This month the Chilli Peppers have been super busy! We have been focusing on our book of the month which is the three little pigs. We made three giant pigs with lots of little houses that the children decorated using lots of natural resources, such as sticks, straw and bricks. All of this work is displayed on the wall for you to see. We would like to thank Olimpia for bringing the Three Little Pigs book along with the puppets for the children to further explore the story. We have been exploring colours and what happens when we



mix them together. Our Jolly Phonics during morning registration is great start to our day in Chilli's. We are concentrating on a different letter and sound each month whilst still working on the s,a,t,p,i,n which are the first six sounds of this system. We have extended this play by practicing our writing skills during focus activity. We are encouraging the children to write their names with a view to naming their work independently. We are now also working on numbers 1-5 and 6-10. The children are counting throughout different activities and beginning to recognise the number symbols. The Chilli Pepper kitchen in our role play room has been a success. We have extended this play by baking chocolate chip cup cakes to take home. The children made their own and decorated them with icing and sprinkles. We welcome our new children in the room, they have all settled well and join in with the routine of the Pre-prep room.

Our book of the month for October will be The Jungle Run, the letter sound will be 'N n' and the number of the month will be 4.

## Pre School 1 & 2

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

This month, Preschool have done lots and lots. We have been looking at being kind and caring as our topic. To begin with we have been reading our book of the month: Hippo is Happy. This gave us a look at what makes people happy and how to cheer up a friend who is sad.

In the book, Hippo makes a book of things which makes them happy. So we decided to make our own book, talking about what makes us happy. The children all wrote their name and drew a picture of what makes them happy and we added this to Grand Peppers Happy Book.

In phonics we have continued with our Action Phonics to practise blending sounds and have been using our flashcards to read our sounds. This month we have concentrated on writing our own names. Next month we will continue to practise writing the letters s, and a.

In maths we have been very busy, we have been practising our number recognition and building 3d models using recyclable materials. The children really enjoyed the junk modelling activity and came up with some very creative outcomes such as cameras, a car bus, their own houses and the places of where their parents work.



Linking in to our kind and caring topic we have been discussing friends and family and talking about how we take care of each other. As part of this we had some children draw their families and some parents were kind enough to let us take a picture of them for the family board. Thank you for taking part and letting us add your picture to our lovely board.

We have also been very happy for the new terms of music with Beryl and Spanish with Nikola, the children are very excited to be taking part again.

Next month we have some exciting activities planned including a spooky house, an enormous turnip, harvest activities and an ugly bug ball. We look forward to it!!



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# Recipe of the Month

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

## Shephards Pie

### Ingredients

- 500g lamb mince
- 1 onion
- 4 carrots, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 500ml stock
- 200g chopped tomatoes
- 1tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1tsp mixed herbs
- 850g potatoes
- 25g butter
- 100g cheddar cheese, grated

### Method

Preheat oven 180oc

Brown the meat in a large frying pan

Add the onion, carrot, garlic and cook for 10 mins

Stir the stock and tomatoes and bring to boil

Add the Worcestershire sauce and herbs cover and gently simmer for 25 mins. Stir occasionally

Meanwhile cook the potatoes until tender. Drain and mash mixing in the butter

Add to the meat mixture to ovenproof dish add the mashed potatoes and smooth over

Cook for approximately 30 mins until golden brown, last 10 mins top up with cheese.



## September 2016



Sensory Fun!!



Reading with friends!



Messy play with trains!



Mini Chefs at work!



Music time with Beryll!



Look at our tower!!



Grandparents Day!



Searching for treasure!



Making Cakes!



Creating our pigs!!



Water Play!!



Outdoor Adventures!



Football Skills!



Completing Jigsaws!



Helping each other!