



Pepperberry Newsletter September 2016



Message from the Management Team

Classes for September

We have added some new classes to our list from week commencing 5th September. The classes are as follows:-

- Monday**—Spanish
- Tuesday**— Tunes for tots
- Wednesday**— Rhythm Time
- Thursday**—Little Strikers
- Friday**—Jo Jo Sensoria (0-22 months)
- Friday**—We can cook (will alternate rooms each week)
- Friday**—Strictly Dance (40-60 months)

As you can see we have a couple of new classes added to our list . We always strive to offer you the best and look for ways to improve our curriculum.

- Dates for your diary :
- Eid-al-Adha—9th Sept
 - Jeans for Genes— 23rd Sept
 - National Grandparents Day— 26th September

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

August has been a very busy month. Again we have had some lovely weather with lots of outdoor play. We have sadly said goodbye to most of our Pre-School 2 children leaving for their transition into school. Whilst it is sad to see the children and their parents leave, we are proud to see what lovely confident children they all are, who I am sure will have an easy transition into school. The highlight of our month has been the Sports Day. The children in all of the rooms loved the races. Baby Peppers joined in with crawling races, pushing the walkers, throwing balls, parachute games etc. Tiny Peppers and Sweet Peppers enjoyed running races, egg and spoon races,

pushing the walkers races and welly throwing. Chilli Peppers, Grand Peppers and Pre-School Peppers all enjoyed scooter races, running races, egg and spoon races, sack races etc. It was lovely to see the parents taking part in the three legged race and sack races. We were also delighted to have little strikers come and run a couple of classes for the children and their parents to join in. This is following a request from a child in their children questionnaire asking for Daddy to join in with the football class. We listened and booked little strikers to run a child/parent session. This proved really successful with the parents and children showing great enjoyment. We raised a massive £326.21 for Barnardo's for our sponsored toddle during sports day. Thank you to you all for taking part in this and raising so much money for this worthy cause.

We had some excited children this week when Claire brought some lambs to nursery. All of the children went outside to see them.

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.



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Special Points of interest this month:

- ☺ **August highlights** see what the children have been up to this month.
- ☺ PrePrep & Preschool Uniform —mandatory
- ☺ Look at our photos from **August** 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 Jessica Miskell. Jessica works in the Pre School Room.

Jessica Miskell



Jessica started working for us at the nursery in June this year. Jessica is an early years practitioner. Jessica has had the experience of working in different environments and enjoys encouraging the children in her care to reach their full potential.

What have Baby Peppers been up to this month?

Kimberley Jack (Deputy Unit Leader), Robyn Matthews

Throughout the month of August baby peppers have been doing lots of activities based on our topic fruit and vegetables. The children have enjoyed playing with the pretend tea set and pretend food in lots of different messy play such as flour, shaving foam and baby lotion.



The babies have also enjoyed painting different fruits and vegetables. We looked at pictures of fruit and vegetables

and then using paint brushes and painted our own fruit such as strawberries, oranges, apples, bananas and pears. The children used the brushes and made different strokes on the paper. When the weather was nice this month baby peppers have also enjoyed lots of nice walks into Wilmslow town centre. We also took a trip to the shop to buy some fruit and vegetables. We have been repeating word sounds and encouraging babies to say simple words such as banana and apple. Our book of the month was baby faces peek a boo. The children enjoyed looking at the book and we also did an activity hiding under different materials

playing peek a boo and pulling lots of funny faces.

The children also enjoyed looking and sitting in front of the large mirror hiding their eyes playing peek a boo with their own reflections. We also placed lots of teddies under the materials and the babies had lots of fun trying to explore and find the teddies. We would like to wish our babies who are moving onto their next adventure with us into Tiny Peppers good luck.

Next month our topic of the month will be under the sea and sea creatures. Our book of the month will be sharing a shell.

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 we have been learning all about colours! We have done a different colour each week 'red, blue, green and yellow'



We have made our very own rainbow display adding to it each week. We used different mark making techniques in each of the colours to build our rainbow. The children have enjoyed exploring colour sensory trays containing different materials and objects.

We also did some colour themed baking activities including making green frog rock buns and mini giraffe cakes during green and yellow week. We introduced lots of counting during baking and some of the children have started to join in counting along! Each week we have also explored different foods in each of the colours, in yellow week we had a food tasting session trying cheese, sweetcorn, pineapple and melon!

The children have also been spending lots of time outside playing in the ball pit, using the push along cars and bikes and building tall towers with our large foam bricks. Their new favourite outdoor activity is playing in the water tray with the nets and ducks 'hook a duck!'

We would like to say goodbye to some of our Tiny Peppers this month and wish them well in their next adventure going into Sweet Peppers! Over the next month some more of our children will be making the transition to Sweet Peppers and the team in tiny peppers will help to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible.

Next month we will be leaning some new nursery rhymes and our topic will be focused on 4 new rhymes 'Here we go round the Mulberry bush' 'Two little dicky birds' 'Teddy Bears picnic' and 'Humpty Dumpty'

Sweet Peppers

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

This month in Sweet Peppers we have been looking at our book of the month Goldilocks and the three bears. The children have enjoyed helping make Goldilocks and the 3 bears for our display as well as the house that they lived in. They explored the glue, paint and different textures of material to make the bears and the house.



Sweet Peppers also made a teddy bears picnic display for our rhyme of the month Teddy Bears Picnic, creating their own teddy

bears and sitting them around pictures of food they like to eat at a picnic. We have enjoyed singing the song during circle time whilst using musical instruments.

This month we have also been on a trip out to the town centre. Whilst on our walk we talked about the different types of transport the children could see on the way. The children spotted buses, cars, motorcycles and bikes. On the way back from our walk the children saw a fire engine diving past and we talked about the different people who can help us.

This month we wished good luck to Leo as he joins his new school.

Next month we are looking forward to exploring our new book of the month 'Peace at Last.'

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 the chilli peppers have been cutting and sticking and making animals such as, Frog, Dog, and a cat for our display—Room on the broom. The children have enjoyed talking about colours and how mixing them alters the end colour. The children have also enjoyed treasure hunting for leaves to add to our display. We have enjoyed learning the phonic 'B' sound by playing with a bat and a ball hitting the bat back and forward between friends by promoting and encouraging sharing and turn taking.

At the beginning of the month we have been involved in



our sports day. That morning we watched grand peppers and pre-school pepper have their sports day then that afternoon chilli pepper participated and joined in with the activities such as Sack race, egg and spoon race, and we had a race on the scooters and bikes. It was such good day with good weather!

This month we asked the children to bring their favourite teddy bear to nursery as we had a teddy bears picnic! The children participated in making their own sandwiches in the morning, they put jam on the bread and pushing the teddy bear cutter to make it the shape.

We have been focusing on our colours this month, we have got colours on a paper and the children have got to say the colour and find something that is the same colour.

We have been also focusing on our numbers. We have been counting to 10 and we have flash cards that the children have to count and find the same amount of little items.

Next month:-

Book of the month—Three Little Pigs

Letter of the Month—'P'

Number of the Month— '3'

Grand Peppers

Jennie Hart, Constantine Kitromilides

In Grand Peppers we have been looking at Ancient places: Egypt and Greece. When looking at Egypt we were able to hold some real artefacts, brought in by Mr Costa. We also coloured masks of mummies, Cleopatra and Tutankhamen. We even typed our names into the computer and turned them into hieroglyphs!

While looking at Ancient Greece we explored the Olympics then and now and did our own Olympic sports in the garden.

We have continued to develop number recognition in maths and have



begun writing the letter 'a' in our daily phonics by going "around the apple, up and down the leaf".

We look forward to the topic "Kind and Caring" in September!

Pre-School Peppers

Ashleigh Hasleden (Senior) Jehanzib Malik, Jessica Miskell

This month in pre school the children have been getting ready for their next step at "Big School". We changed the role play area into a school and the children have been trying on different uniforms, doing lots of different and exciting activities that they may see at school.

During the lunch periods we have started to get the children to line up with their plates to give them an idea of what happens at school during lunchtime.

All of the children are very excited about moving on to big school and we would all like to wish them good luck in their new journey.

We also met our new friend "Fluffy" the hamster, where we are able to learn how to care for animals, everyone likes Fluffy.

Our new book of the month for September is—



"Carlo and the really nice librarian" .



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Recipe of the Month

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

Red Lentil Curry

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 150g red lentils (rinsed)
- 1/2 tsp chilli powder
- 600 ml vegetable stock

Method

Heat the oil in a large saucepan and fry the onions until brown and soft
 Add the garlic and spices and stir
 Add the lentils and 3/4 of the stock and bring to the boil
 Simmer for 30 minutes or until lentils are cooked and swollen
 Add the rest of the stock if necessary
 Pile into bowls and serve with naan bread.



August 2016 Photographs



Messy Play Fun!



Parachute play!



Our Sports day!



Visit from some Lambs!



Exploring the Mud area!!



Ten Pin Bowling!!



Enhancing our skills for rolling!!



Creative Playdough!



Water play!



Cup of tea anyone?



Circle Time!



We tried packed dinners!!



Musical exploration!



Trip out!