



Pepperberry Newsletter January 2017



Message from the Management Team

Welcome to this month's Newsletter.

We have had a busy month in December with lots of festive activities taking place throughout the rooms. We had a Christmas jumper day on the 8th December where we raised £103.15 for the charity TOFS, all the staff and children had lots of fun wearing our jumpers and helped to get us into the festive spirit.

The Pre School rooms took part in their Nativity which was held in the Trinity Church Hall, it was an amazing show from the children. A huge thank you to Beryl for preparing the songs and practicing weekly with our children. Also a big thank you to our parents, Grandparents and Aunties for providing and making the fabulous costumes, the children looked lovely. It was also lovely to see so many parents and grandparents in attendance.

The Pre-School children have been on our annual trip to the theatre

to see the pantomime "Peter Pan". The children, staff and the kind parents that went along to help all thoroughly enjoyed the show. "Oh no we didn't", "Oh yes we did". It was amazing.

On 20th December our pre school children went to the local care home to sing Christmas Carols and to wish all the residents a happy Christmas, we even sang Happy Birthday to one of the ladies. The joy on the residents faces was lovely to see.

We would like to thank Matthew, our chef for our wonderful Christmas dinner we had on Tuesday, it was a lovely meal enjoyed by children and staff alike, some of the children had made Christmas party hats to wear while they ate their dinner.

On 21st December, we had a wonderful visit from Santa, he came to visit the rooms and spoke to each individual child, Santa was very kind and gave gifts to each child. The children sang some lovely songs for Santa.

The rooms have all been busy making Christmas cards, decorations and lots of different festive activities throughout the month, they have also been singing and learning many Christmas songs to enjoy the season.

We have had a very busy year celebrating and learning about different cultures, visiting the local community and have also been on some fabulous trips to the Silk Museum, the Sea Life Centre and Stockley Farm. We have had visits from the amazing Oliver Dunn chocolatier who made super chocolate creations with the children to take home.

On a more personal note, this year has been a very different one for me. I got married in May and became your nursery manager in June. I have loved every minute of it. I have gained a massive amount of support from my staff team and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. We continue to move forwards in providing outstanding care for your little ones.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication over the year. Also we would like to thank Anthony and Gillian Akaraonye and Olimpia for their ongoing dedication and support throughout the year.

On a final note, we would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Pepperberry Day Nurseries

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Special Points of interest this month:

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

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.

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

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

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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 Hannah Baxter. Hannah works in Sweet Peppers

Hannah Baxter



Hannah works in Sweet Peppers and has her Level 3 qualification. Hannah has been with us at Pepperberry 3 years in the new year. Hannah enjoys working with your children and helping them to gain their skills. Alongside as working in the room as a key worker Hannah is also our Transition officer and works with all rooms in ensuring comfortable transitions for all our children.

What have Baby Peppers been up to this month?

Kimberley Jack (Deputy Unit Leader), Robyn Matthews

Throughout the month of December baby peppers have been taking part in lots of fun activities surrounding our topic Christmas and Winter.



This month baby peppers enjoyed celebrating Christmas by creating their stockings and Christmas cards for our Christmas display to create their stockings we used different colour paper and shiny glitter.

To make their Christmas cards we painted the children's feet to create a snowman then finger painted the snowflakes. Baby peppers have also been very busy looking at our book of the month which is 'Baby's first Christmas' and we have also enjoyed lots of other Christmas books especially 'That's not my Santa' and 'That's not my Rudolph'. The children enjoyed creating our display about the book we created a giant snowman sticking on lots of white tissue paper to create his body and his head. We have also been singing when Santa got stuck up the chimney this month and singing lots of other Christmas songs and lis-

on the CD player.

We have also enjoyed playing in lots of different materials in the large blue tray using their whole bodies to explore. We have been exploring shaving foam, rice, pasta, flour and shredded paper which was lots of fun!

We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New year and thank you for all our lovely gifts.

Our topic next month is shapes and numbers. Our book of the month "monsters first shapes" and our song of the month is 5 little monkeys swinging in a tree.

What have Tiny Peppers been up to?

Stephanie Halford (Senior), Debbie Banks, Emily Birks, Kealan Storey, Ashlee Gill, Caryn Malach, Zainab Anjum.

This month in Tiny peppers we have been to the library and to Sainsbury's.



Our book of the month has been Jack Frost, which the children have really enjoyed. Also our song of the month has been I'm a little snowman.

As you can see around the room we have been very creative this month.

We all made Christmas baubles (with a hidden treat inside). We made a gi-

ant snowman out of plastic cups as you can see on our display, the children also made hand print jack frosts out of white paint and blue and silver glitter.

In tiny peppers we have been doing lots of new and different Christmas songs with Beryl and with Ashlee. For example "I'm a little pine tree small and straight" and many more.

Marta has been coming in to see us this month on a Friday morning and doing her sensory sessions with us. We have been tasting cinnamon apples, making snow, visiting strange planets, seeing lots and lots of lights and much more.

Our book of the month next month will be 'Peace at last', which we have lots of fun activities planned for. Our song for the month will be "here we go around the mulberry bush"

In January we will be getting some new toys to put in our room like new play foods, play cutlery, jigsaws and a picnic basket. We're also getting an ant farm so we can watch how ants work.

Could we please ask all parents to bring their children in shoes please as we haven't got enough spare wellington boots to put all the children in who do not have shoes.

From all of us in Tiny peppers, have a merry Christmas and a wonderful new year!!!

All the best wishes Tiny peppers.

Sweet Peppers

Rebecca Judge (Senior Practitioner), Hannah Baxter, Rachael Turner, Naila Anwar, Kyrstie Saxon, Debbie Massey

We have had a busy month in sweet peppers. We have been doing a variety of creative activities which include a range of Christmas decorations.

We made our book of the month display for the Gruffalo's child.



The children did some painting and also some gluing and sticking. We have also done a display for our rhyme of the month which was 'When Santa got stuck up the chimney'.

We talked about Santa and what presents the children would like.

We have learnt some new Christmas songs with Beryl these include: five red crackers, Christmas pudding and I am a little pine tree.

All the children have made Christmas folders which include a variety of Christmas pictures. We also decorated the room Christmas tree and we did messy play with fake snow.

To finish off our month of festivities we have even had a visit from Santa, where all the children received a small gift. We have also had an amazing Christmas dinner made by our wonderful Chef Matthew.

From everyone in Sweet Peppers we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chilli Peppers

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

Chilli Peppers have been super busy this month, we have been getting into the Christmas spirit by have decorated our room with a range of Christmas displays including painting our hands for handprints to make our big Christmas tree and gluing and sticking our snowman and Santa's.

This month our activities such as Beryl, Spanish and Stretch and Grow we have been singing lots of Christmas carols and songs, We have learnt how to sing Jingle Bells in Spanish, and during Stretch and grow we have been pretending to work in Santa's work shop.



Our book of the month is "The Christmas Bear" and we have been doing lots of creative activities making little Santa's and reindeers. We also recreated our Quiet Area to our very own Santa's Grotto. All the children have been telling their friends and staff what they wanted for Christmas.

We have been doing literacy and numeracy for a while in the chilli pepper room we are now added an extra subject to our curriculum (Science). We have set up a little area in the far end of our room which includes a big pot of soil that has lots of different animals/ insects hidden inside and the children can discover them using spade/diggers and they have been using magnifying glasses to explore and experiment into more depth.

In January

Book of the month: "Going on a bear hunt"

Number of the month: "1"

Letter of the month: "A a"

From all the Chilli Peppers Children and Staff we hope you have the most amazing Christmas and start to the New Year!

Pre School 1 & 2

Jennie Hart, Constantine Kitromilides, Jessica Miskell

This has been a really exciting month in Pre-school, we visited a pantomime, had our Nativity and were visited by Santa himself!

This month we have been focusing on the First Christmas as our book of the month. We explored this story through reading it and singing along in our very own nativity. The children did really well with the Nativity, singing nicely with big voices in front of their families and even joining in the actions.

In literacy we have continued name writing practise and writing some letters, particularly those from "s, a, t, p, i, n". The children have enjoyed the daily phonics sessions, and have become more fluent in recognising the phase 2 sounds.

In maths we have been practising recognising and writing numbers to 5. We have also been exploring shapes in continuous provision and in our books.

The pantomime was a big hit with the children, when I asked the



children who was their favourite character Captain Hook came out on top! "Captain Hook, he a pirate" and "Captain Hook getting Mr Smee was funny".

As well as all of this we have also had a special visit from Santa who spoke to the children and sang some Christmas songs. All of the children have promised to be really good for Santa to get their presents.

We have done lots of singing this month. With Santa, at the nativity and on a special trip to the care home where we shared some of our special Christmas songs with the elderly.

We are looking forward to our next topic: New Beginnings, with our book of the month "Za Za's Baby Brother"

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of Preschool.

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 **Immunisation 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.



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Recipe of the Month

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

Oaty Biscuits

Ingredients

- 75g plain flour
- 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 75g demerara sugar
- 75g porridge oats
- 75g butter
- 1 tsp golden syrup

Method

Preheat oven 160oc

Put the plain flour in a bowl with a half level teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda

Add the demerara sugar and porridge oats and stir together

Heat the butter in a pan with a tablespoon of golden syrup

Mix it together and roll into balls

Set them well apart on a greased baking tray and bake for 7-15 mins depending on oven, until golden brown.



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December 2016



Building Towers!



Playing with the winter wonderland!



Football Classes!



Classical Music recital!



Writing a letter to Santa!



Sensory Fun!



Christmas Craft!



Enjoying the theatre!



Sliding down the slide!



Jo Jo Sensoria!



Nativity Dress Rehearsal!



Santa came to visit!



Sensory play!



Busy with my writing!!



Imaginative play with Dinosaurs!