



**Message from the Management Team**



Welcome back to the New Year, we hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break and everyone has settled back in. This is our new look newsletter which we hope you will enjoy reading.

This month the children and staff have celebrated 'Burns Night' and Kyrstie (in Sweet Peppers) brought in some Haggis Pie for us to try. We have also celebrated Chinese New Year and many of us made Dragons and Roosters! Next month we will be having a party tea for Valentine's Day and we eagerly look forward to Shrove Tuesday - tasting pancakes! We would like to remind everyone from Chilli Peppers, Preschool 1 and Preschool 2 that it is compulsory to wear our Pepperberry tops if you wish to order any please ask at Reception as we have them in stock. We would also like to encourage the use of a book bag to encourage reading at home using our reading scheme. Please ask at reception if you wish to purchase one.

We look forward to another fantastic year at Pepperberry!

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**Introducing a Member of our Team**



**Jennifer Rooney-  
Practice Administrator**

I have worked in nurseries since 2005 and I have a Degree in Early Childhood Studies. I worked in Pepperberry previously as the Deputy Manager during 2012-13 but I left to try a new role as NVQ Assessor. I soon realized that I preferred working in the nursery environment. When the opportunity to come back to Pepperberry arose I was extremely happy. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my husband and my family. I enjoy travelling as well as going on long walks with my dog Bella.

**Important Messages**

- Please can all parents note that children must be collected by 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. You will also be charged for the late collection.
- Please can all parents ensure that all items of children's clothing (this includes shoes) are labelled with their name to prevent items being lost.
- Please can all parents ensure that a pair of shoes are provided for your child while at nursery. This is to make sure that all children are able to access the outdoors.
- 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.

**Recipe of the Month: Moroccan Lamb**



**Brought to you by  
our very own Chef  
Matthew**

**Ingredients**

- 500g diced Lamb
- 100g apricots, diced
- 4 carrots chopped
- 1 onion chopped
- 500ml hot water
- 3tsp tomato puree
- ½ tsp cinnamon ground
- ½ tsp cumin, ground
- ½ tsp coriander, ground

**Method**

- Cook Lamb in a frying pan, drain off fat
- Fry the onions & spices for 10 mins, then add carrots and meat
- Continue to fry till meat is brown
- Add tomato puree, apricots and hot water, bring to gentle simmer, cover with lid and cook for further 15 mins
- The dish is cooked when most of the liquid has been absorbed.
- Serve with cous cous

## Baby Peppers

Throughout the month of January Baby Peppers have been doing lots of fun activities surrounding our topic 'Shapes'. Our main activity was creating our 2D shape display board. We created a circle, square, rectangle and triangle and used wooden blocks to print on the shapes using paint. We have also been drawing shapes in flour with our fingers and making marks. Our topic next month is weather and our song of the month is 'Row, row, row your boat'.

# Learn

# Enjoy Flourish

## Tiny Peppers

Welcome back to tiny peppers! We all hope you had a wonderful Christmas and new year.

This month we have been reading the book 'Peace at last' and our song of the month was 'ten in a bed'.

On our trips out we have been to the teddy bear shop, the park and to the town center.

## Sweet Peppers

Happy New Year and welcome back to sweet peppers. This month in January we have been making lanterns for Chinese New Year. We have also been focusing on our book of the month which has been 'Three little pigs' and our rhyme of the month which is '5 little speckled frogs'.

## Chilli Peppers

Happy New Year and welcome back to Chilli peppers. January has been a very busy month for us. We have been focusing on our letter of the month (A) and our number of the month (1). We have also been getting ready for Chinese New Year by making lots of dragons and lanterns.

## Grand Peppers

### (Preschool 1)

Welcome to 2017, we have been very busy bees. We thought about our ideas for New Year as a group. We looked at our similarities and differences as part our 'Good to be me' topic. We have been making multi-colored fish for our diversity display and reading our 'Elmer' book.

## Preschool 2 Peppers

Welcome back to the New Year! In Preschool 2 we have had a great time in the New Year. We started by thinking about the things we want to do this year and deciding what we want to do as part of our 'Good to be me' topic. As part of this we have made self-portraits, and drawn pictures of our families. This month our book of the month has been 'Elmer'. We have made lots of Elmer elephants and have been singing elephant and color songs. In math's we have been doing number recognition and writing numbers. In literacy we have been practicing writing our names. Next month we will be looking at Celebrations with a focusing on Chinese New Year.



# Photos

