



Message from the Management Team

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2018. We have had a very busy start to the year and we look forward to an exciting year here in the nursery. We have celebrated National Dress your Pet Day where the children brought in their soft toy animals and we had a picnic with them. We have also celebrated Burns Night with tasting of Haggis, this was very tasty. We have had lots of outdoor play in the garden and lovely activities both indoors and outdoors provided by our amazing team of practitioners.

We celebrate a couple of changes of staffing within the nursery - Hannah Baxter is now the Senior Practitioner within Baby Peppers and Sam Spence is Assistant Deputy Manager 0-2 unit. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new Deputy Manager and we will keep you updated regarding this. Meanwhile, Sam will be acting Deputy Manager.

Dates for your diary for February are Preschool Parents Assembly Monday 5th February. All the other celebrations that will take place have been added to our Yearly Event Planner that has been sent to you earlier this month. You can also find this on our website.



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Introducing a Member of our Team



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Under 2's Assistant Deputy
Manger- Tiny Peppers**

I studied Early Childhood Studies at Liverpool John Moores University and graduated in 2015. In 2016 I travelled Australia where I worked as an au pair for 6 months. I love to work with children and to help them develop. In my spare time I love to spend time with my friends and family, shopping and planning my next adventure. Sam has recently been promoted and is currently working as acting Deputy Manager.

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 name your child's shoes.
- 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: Flapjacks



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

Ingredients

125g butter or marg
100g dark brown soft sugar
4tbsp golden syrup
250g rolled oats
40g sultanas or raisins

Method

- Preheat the oven to 180 C/Gas mark 4.
- In a saucepan over low heat, combine the butter, sugar and golden syrup. Cook, stirring occasionally until butter and sugar have melted. Stir in the oats and sultanas until coated.
- Pour mixture into a 20cm square baking tin. The mixture should be about 2-3cm thick.
- Bake for 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the top is golden. Cut into squares, then leave to cool completely before removing from the tin.

Baby Peppers

This month in Baby Peppers we have been exploring shapes and numbers. We have done lots of shape printing and sensory shape trays. Our book of the month was 10 fat sausages. We made our own sausages and looked in the book at the pictures. We have enjoyed painting bubbles and sticking paper on to fishes as our song of the month was 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive. Next month we will be looking at Hedgehogs big day out and our song of the month is Incy Wincy Spider.

Tiny Peppers

Welcome back, this month Tiny peppers have been busy doing lots of activities exploring colours and patterns. We have been looking at different animals especially elephants as our book of the month was Elmer. We have been singing lots of songs and enjoying Beryl and rhythm time. Our new book of the month is going to Molly's Jolly Brolly and our new song is going to be it's raining it's pouring. We are excited to look at different activities and explore water.

Sweet Peppers

This month in sweet peppers we have been looking at different types of clothing as our book of the month has been the smartest giant in town. We have done some food tasting of Haggis to celebrate burns night. Sweet peppers have also looked at shapes and colours. They have also done mark making with the chalks and in the flour using the paintbrushes. Our book of the month next month is don't call me sweet and the rhyme of the month is 5 current buns.

Chilli Peppers

This month we have been focusing on our book and letter of the month, following on from our book we have been making lots of letters and posting them in our very own post box. We have been practicing the letter Bb in our writing books and to put on our display. We have been colouring, gluing and sticking and painting lots of things beginning with the letter, such as Bears and Bees. Also we have been mixing our very own colouring to see what happens and what colours it turns into. We have played lots of games outside such as "What time is it Mr Wolf" What fun we have had! Next month is - Book - 'Elmer' Letter - 'Ss'

Learn

Enjoy Flourish

Grand Peppers

(Preschool 1)

This month in Pre-school 1, we have been busy with activities all about us and how we are different in our own ways. We have been painting self-portraits and writing our first poem where we think about all our favourite things and people. Our first week back we very excited to share our Christmas news and told our friends about our fantastic gifts from Santa! We thought about the things we would like to try in the New Year. Our book of the month has been Elmer, where we have explored mixing colours and making patterns. It has been a busy month and we are looking forward to our new topic in February which is fairytales and all the new and exciting ideas we have thought of together.

Preschool 2 Peppers

Preschool 2 have been looking at being ourselves and talking about patterns with Elmer. We drew our self-portraits, took part in a special poem competition and experimented with making and creating patterns in different ways. The children have really enjoyed making Elmer and his friends in different ways using paint, collage and junk modelling. The Elmer song was a favourite with the children and they have enjoyed being back at nursery, singing Beryl songs and more! They all worked hard to take part in different celebrations; making resolutions for New Year, colouring pictures for the Sikh celebration of the birth of the 10th Guru; bringing teddies to take part in National dress your pet day and painting tartan patterns and eating some haggis as part of Burns Night. We have also changed our routine a little after feedback from some of the children, they wanted more play after lunch and wanted to write every day. Now we have a special indoor/outdoor play after lunch and do "busy books" each morning! Next month we will be looking at fairytales, with 'P' as our sound and we have our first 2018 assembly!

Photos

