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Pepperberry Day Nurseries

Pepperberry Day Nursery
Monthly Newsletter
September 2018

Message from the Management



September has been a very busy month with lots of activities taking place. We have been celebrating Rosh Hashanah-Jewish New Year, Muharram-Islamic New Year,

Jeans for Genes fundraising and a Staff Sleepover at the nursery Fundraising.

We would like to thank you all very much for your very kind donations towards both Fundraising events, **Jeans for Genes** where we raised £70.61 and the nursery **Sleepover fundraising** where we raised £750 so far towards an amazing resource chosen by the staff team 'The Turtle Kiddy Bus' which we hope to be able and purchase very soon. The nursery staff sleepover event was a great team building exercise as well as showing the dedication, commitment and love the staff have for our nursery. Once again thank you very much for your kind donations.

We are delighted to welcome Jessica back to Pepperberry. Jess has previously worked at Pepperberry for 2 years before relocating closer to home in March, however her love for Pepperberry has brought her back and she is once again the Senior Practitioner in Preschool 1 where she has been welcomed not only by the staff, but also our children and their families.

We are excited to share with you that during October we will be celebrating **Pepperberry's 7th Anniversary**. To celebrate this with the children we will have a nursery tea party at the nursery on Friday 12th October. We would like to thank you all for your continued support shown over the years.

Just a reminder the **Parents Evenings for Baby and Tiny Peppers will be on Tuesday 9th October** and the **Parents Evening for Sweet Peppers, Chilli Peppers, Preschool 1 and Preschool 2 will be on Wednesday 10th October commencing at 6pm**. Please ensure you book a slot with your keyworker.

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Introducing a Member of our Team -
Jessica Miskell (Preschool 1)



My name is **Jessica Miskell** and I am a Senior Practitioner in Grand Peppers/Preschool 1.

Firstly I would like to inform you how delighted I am to return to Pepperberry and would like to say a big thank you to the Pepperberry Team, the children and parents for the warm welcome.

I graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University with a degree in Childhood Studies and Early Years. In my spare time I enjoy taking my dog Ralf for walks and spending time with my friends.

Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary

Individual Photographs by Tempest Photographers on Tuesday 4th and Monday 8th October.

Grandparents assembly for Preschool children on Friday 5th October at 2pm.

Pyjama Day raising money for Crackerjacks (children's charity) on Tuesday 9th October.

Harvest Festival – w/c 15th October- Please donate food produce either home-made or tins, fruit and vegetables. We will build a hamper and take to the Hawthorn Care Home where our Preschool children will sing their Autumn songs for the residents.



Brought to you by
our very own Chef
Matthew

Recipe of the Month: Spaghetti Bolognese

Ingredients

- 500g minced beef
- 2 onions
- 2 cloves of chopped garlic
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes
- 3 tbsp beef stock
- Mixed herbs to taste
- Packet of spaghetti

Method

1. Cook onions and garlic in a pan
2. Add the mince to the pan and brown
3. Add the tomato puree and chopped tomatoes to the pan
4. Add beef stock and stir well
5. Add herbs to taste and simmer for 40 minutes
6. Serve with spaghetti

Baby Peppers

This month we have welcomed lots new babies to our room and they are all settling well. They have been exploring sensory tuff trays with soft and hard textures inside with a messy element such as shaving foam. Our babies have also been celebrating different cultures and celebrations. We have been getting creative by using apples to print to make a wonderful picture. The babies have enjoyed making their own planets and seeing different shapes that they might see in space. One activity which went down a treat was finding hidden items in shredded paper like they are lost in space, they have had so much fun! Next month our book of the month is 'Funny Bones' and the rhyme of the month will be 'Hillbilly Hedgehog'.

Tiny Peppers

This month we have been celebrating and taking part in Harvest activities and reading our book of the month 'Handa's Surprise'. For this we have been going to the supermarket looking at different types of fruit and tasting them. We have also been doing some gardening and planting seeds and bulbs whilst exploring the soil in our new wetsuits. We have been decorating bears for our teddy bear rhyme. Next month we are going to be learning a new song, 'Hairy Scary Castle' and our book of the month is going to be 'Mog's Castle'.

Sweet Peppers

This month in Sweet Peppers we have been looking at the storybook 'Whatever Next'. We made a rocket out of a cardboard box for the children to play in and the children had great fun decorating it. We have also been playing outside in the garden and we have been watered the plants. Sweet Peppers have made muesli yoghurt pots with Chef Matthew to take home. We helped to decorate the boat using spaghetti for our rhyme of the month 'Row Row your Boat'. Next months' rhyme of the month is 'A Pumpkin' and our book of the month will be 'Spider Sandwiches'. We will also be doing lots of different Halloween activities

Chilli Peppers

We are so happy to see all the new children settling well in Chilli Peppers room. As our book of the month was 'Trouble in the Jungle' we have done so many fun activities around that book. We turned our quiet area into a jungle for few days, we have been outside with our microscopes exploring nature and collecting bits for our nature box. Chilli peppers have done lots of writing in their writing books focusing on letters, numbers and shapes, we are pleased to say everyone is doing great. Our new book of the month is 'Kitchen Disco' and our letter is 'T'. Our topic is going to be Healthy Eating.

Grand Peppers (Preschool 1)

This month Grand Peppers are delighted to welcome Jessica Miskell back into the room. It is lovely to have her back as a Senior Practitioner in Preschool 1. During the month we have been looking at the topic of Harvest. Our book of the month was 'The Gigantic Turnip!' and the children have been drawing their favourite harvest vegetables on the computer, we have done some lovely leaf printing with autumn colours, lots of messy play and we have even been on an Autumn walk to Hawthorn Park! We have enjoyed cooking with Chef Matthew this month, we have made yummy blueberry muffins and chicken fruit wraps! Next month we will be looking at the topic of Halloween!

Preschool 2 Peppers

This month we have been looking at the topic of Harvest. Our book of the month was 'Farmer Duck'! The children have been looking at wool and talking about where it comes from. We have also written about our favorite harvest vegetables and even made our own Scarecrows and spoke about their job of protecting the fields and crops. We have looked at the religion of Judaism this month and have written prayers to put onto our Western Wall display! We have enjoyed cooking with Chef Matthew and have been on a trip to Sainsbury's to buy ingredients for blueberry muffins. Preschool 2 have also been practicing their Spanish this month by speaking about feelings using Spanish words. Next month we will be looking at the topic of Halloween!

Policy of the Month:

Settling in Policy and Procedure

The nursery staff will work in partnership with parents/carers to settle the child into the environment. Every child will be offered a settling in period before they start at Pepperberry. This gives an opportunity for the parent/carers to get to know the staff, the children, and the routines and also meet their child's key person before their child actually starts within the setting. Hopefully by the time the child starts nursery they will be quite settled and feel confident within their new environment.

During the first settling in session it is the nursery's policy that one of the main carers spends the allocated time within the room the child is due to start, so they can talk to the staff about routines and anything that concerns their child's care (i.e. care plan, sleep, dietary needs, likes and dislikes, etc). During the first settling in session the parent is also required to complete all the relevant documents including emergency contact details, consent forms and a baseline assessment to inform the child's starting points. For the second visit we suggest that the child is left for an hour, whilst the parent can wait in the Reception area or even leave the nursery premises if they wish to do so. If the child becomes unsettled or distressed the nursery will inform the parent and allow the parent to go in the room and spend some time with their child. For the third visit we suggest leaving your child for an hour and a half. This will allow the child to join in during meal time (i.e. lunch or tea).

Parents/carers are invited to phone at any point during the day to check that all is well. A verbal handover will be offered by the key person when parents/carers arrive to pick up their child and also through the Eylog system where the settling in sessions are recorded and monitored.

No child will be taken out on an outing from the nursery until he/she is completely settled.



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