



Message from the Management



Welcome to our monthly newsletter for November. We have had an exciting month celebrating bonfire night, and different festivals and special days from around the world. Within our regular staff meeting we celebrate the achievements

and outstanding practice of two staff members each month. Our **employees of the month** were Olivia Darlington and Robyn Matthews. They were presented with a voucher and a certificate. Well done ladies. The **room of the month** was Chilli Peppers and the **special display of the month** was awarded to Tiny Peppers. The rooms were presented with a big box of chocolates and biscuits. Well done to all of our teams for producing such brilliant activities for your children. **Bonfire Night** was celebrated with lots of exciting activities in the rooms using different resources and experiences for the children. We have been celebrating **Diwali** the festival of light with each of the rooms doing different exciting activities, card making, lanterns, candle holders to name a few. **Remembrance Day** was celebrated by each of the rooms all making a Poppy Wreath, this culminated in a small group of children from every room having a trip to the Wilmslow Cenotaph to leave their Poppy Wreath as a mark of respect to all the fallen soldiers. This was the topic for the week across the nursery, some of our younger children went in the new turtle bus whilst the older children walked holding their Poppy wreath. Thank you so much for all your kind donations to our Poppy appeal. We raised £22.32, the certificate is displayed on the reception door. We celebrated **Children in Need** with the children and staff dressing up in 'Spotty Clothes' for the day and doing lots of activities. We raised a massive £161.62 for this worthwhile cause thanks to your donations for dressing up. The children celebrated **Thanksgiving Day** with lots of different activities, making American flags colouring in stars and stripes and lots of red, white and blue activities. We celebrated **St Andrew's Day** with the staff dressing in checked/tartan items of clothing. The children in the nursery have been decorating the Scottish Saltire St Andrews flag. Preschool children went on a trip to Sainsburys to buy some Haggis and tasted it with their tea and they have been learning the Flower of Scotland song. **Rota Toy Appeal** – as you are aware, we have been collecting the Rota Toy boxes. Thank you so much for your kind donations, we have had such a super collection of toys and boxes for this worthwhile cause. The Rotary Club will be collecting these on Monday 3rd December and will distribute them to children less fortunate than ours in time for Christmas.

We are delighted to **welcome Rebecca** to the Pepperberry team. She has settled in well and will be a great asset to the Grand Peppers room. She is already popular with the children.

Please keep an eye out for updates on our **Facebook page** regarding the exciting activities that our amazing staff team deliver for our children.

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Introducing a Member of our Team - Sophie Moss (Tiny Peppers)



My name is Sophie and I started working at Pepperberry in September 2018. I studied childcare and education NVQ Level 3 at Macclesfield College. In 2016 I took a voluntary gap year where I led youth

groups and I volunteered in orphanages in South Africa. In my spare time I enjoy being with my family and friends and I enjoy going to church and volunteering. It is my responsibility as a key person to meet the needs of each individual child and respond sensitively to his/her feelings, ideas and behaviour. As your child's key person I am also responsible for maintaining proper records of the child's development and share these with you as a parent/guardian on a regular basis to ensure that your child is being appropriately cared for.

Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary

- Parent's Focus group** – Wednesday 5th December
- Preschool Pantomime trip** – Friday 7th December
- Preschool Nativity Play**- will be taking place on Friday 14th December. This is just for our Preschool children who will leave for school in September 2019. Please reserve your tickets with reception. Due to the capacity within the venue, we are limited to two tickets per child.
- Parent's Paediatric First Aid Training** – Tuesday 11th December
- People who help us dressing up day** – bring in a pound to raise money for St John's Ambulance. Tuesday 11th December
- National Christmas Jumper Day** – Thursday 13th December
- Santa visit to Nursery**– w.c.17th December 2018 date tbc
- Preschool Visit to the Care Home** – Tuesday 18th December
- Children's Christmas dinner** – Wednesday 19th December
- Closing and opening dates** – 24th December – 3rd January

Recipe of the Month: Red Lentil Curry



Brought to you by
our very own Chef
Matthew

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 crushed clove of garlic
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 150g red lentils (rinsed)
- ½ tsp chilli powder
- 600ml vegetable stock

Method

1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan and fry the onions until brown and soft
2. Add garlic and spices and stir
3. Add the lentils and ¾ of the stock and bring to boil
4. Simmer for 30 minutes or until the lentils are cooked and swollen
5. Add the rest of the stock if necessary
6. Pile in to bowls
7. Serve with naan bread

Baby Peppers

Baby Peppers this month have been focusing on our five senses and Old McDonald had a farm for their activities. They have explored paint in many ways such as using paint brushes, their fingers and other materials. They have decorated their own fishes for our book of the month 'The Very Fidgety Fish'. Babies have also made some lovely colorful fishes and have been printing circle shapes onto paper to create bubbles for our display to. We have had lots of fun this month creating and exploring our amazing tuff trays with shaving foam, flour and cereal. We also painted Pudsey Bear for Children in Need. Next month our theme is going to be Christmas and our song of the month is I'm a Little Snowman. Our book of the month is Elf's First Words.

Tiny Peppers

This month Tiny Peppers have been exploring paint in different ways to create our bonfire night pictures and create stars for our display. We made starry night pictures using our fingers, exploring how the paint feels. We made poppies to create a wreath to take to the Cenotaph. We enjoyed making our smarty cakes for children in need and exploring our Pudsey tuff tray made from cornflakes. Our book of the month for December is Peppa's Christmas and our song is I'm a Little Snowman. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas.

Sweet Peppers

This month in Sweet Peppers we have been making some fish using different craft materials such as oats, paint, crayons, glitter, salt and cotton wool. We have also made bonfire pictures using different coloured paints such as red, blue, green, yellow and orange. Sweet Peppers also made autumn leaf collages. We also made a poppy wreath and then we went on a trip to the cenotaph. Our book of the month for December is wrapping presents and our song of the month is I see snowflakes.

Chilli Peppers

We have had a busy month in Chilli Peppers! Our book of the month has been 'Stars in the Sky' Chilli peppers created a variety of things that related to bonfire night such as a bonfire and firework pictures. The children also enjoyed exploring the role play area that was turned into a bonfire night food stall! We have also been focusing on autumn and created an autumn display in the reading area with pictures of hedgehogs, autumn leaves and trees. We also have been looking at Remembrance Day, we created our very own poppy wreath and took them to the cenotaph. Our book of the month in December is '12 days of Christmas'. We are so excited to start our Christmas activities!!

Grand Peppers (Preschool 1)

This month in Grand Peppers we have been looking at the topic of Space. Our book of the month has been "Aliens love underpants". We have been looking at planets and went to library to pick up some information books about space. We had a special visit from St. Johns ambulance and went inside to have a look. We have also enjoyed cooking with Chef Matthew this month, we have made yummy smarties cakes for Children in Need and made marsh mellow and bread stick sparklers for bonfire night. Next month we will be celebrating Christmas!

Preschool 2 Peppers

This month we have been looking at the topic Space. Our book of the month was 'Aliens love underpants". Some of the children went on a trip to the library to collect some books about planets and space, which we shared with our friends at carpet time. We have celebrated Diwali and made candle holder. Some of us also took a trip to the cenotaph to place a poppy wreath that the children decorated. We have enjoyed cooking with Chef Matthew and have been baking smarties cakes for Children in Need. Preschool 2 have also began practicing their nativity songs early with Beryl and we are all very excited to sing our songs to you. Next month we will be doing lots of different activities to celebrate Christmas!

Rota-Toy Appeal...

We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your kind donations of the Christmas boxes and the huge amount of lovely toys that were too big to fit in the boxes for the Rota Toy Appeal. These were taken by the rotary club to the 'Tree of Life' charity in Withenshaw who support the local community. We are so grateful to you and your families for your kind generosity. The boxes will now be distributed by the Wilmslow Rotary members to the children and families that are less fortunate than ours just in time for Christmas. A heartfelt thank you from us all at Pepperberry.



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Extra notes:

One of our newest members of staff that has joined the Pepperberry team Artemis Baka has completed her Paediatric First Aid Training with Millie's Trust this weekend. Well done Artemis.

Following on from the recent visit from our sister nursery Auckland House Day Nursery, the Pepperberry Senior team have been to visit them in Liverpool. We had a tour of their nursery and shared in some joint training. It is always good to share ideas and the outstanding practice that takes place in both nurseries. We will continue to work together to share skills. Thank you Auckland House for organizing a super morning.

Could you please remember to share activities or places you visit with your children as we can link them to their development and incorporate this into their learning.

Just a reminder that during the winter months Porridge is back on the menu. For the younger children that are not able to communicate this choice, if you would like your little one to have porridge, please inform a staff member on hand over in the morning.

Policy of the Month: Outdoor Play and Physical Activities Policy

At Pepperberry we are committed to encouraging children to be physically active both indoors and outdoors. Pepperberry considers outdoor play as outdoor learning and children should have equal opportunities in both areas. The staff at Pepperberry ensure that:

- Children are actively encouraged to take interest in their environment (i.e.) wild bird spotting, squirrel and hedgehog watch etc.
- The children will also be taken on visits to local railway stations with talks about how many trains they can see, where they are going etc.
- The children will also take part on local nature walks which will be organized trails with professional guidance.
- Children are given every opportunity to free choice activities outdoors.
- Children are encouraged to join in with group physical activities and focus activities outside.
- The outdoor areas give a wide range of choice for imaginary play, malleable play, small world, creative, physical, sand and water or just running around having fun.
- Support is given to the children with experiences in eating what we grow, helping awareness of our environment.
- Picnics are provided outdoors weather permitting.
- Children are encouraged to touch, smell, taste and handle a wide variety of safe plant life, for example Herbs and Vegetables.
- The children take part in the maintenance of their project by watering and feeding them.
- Children are encouraged to observe the changes in the weather and explore the outdoor garden area experiencing all weather ie snow, ice etc
- Outdoor play is encouraged at regular times throughout the day and weather permitting more often, we try to encourage activities to be carried out outdoors wherever possible.



Photos

