



Message from the Management Team

Welcome to our new families that have joined Pepperberry this month. We have had a very busy February in the nursery.

We started by celebrating Chinese New Year which is the Year of the Pig. We had lots of activities creating pigs in many forms ie painted 2d pigs, pig masks, pig biscuits etc, the children made Chinese lanterns, money wallets, writing Chinese numbers and counting in Chinese. We all had Chinese stir fry with Chinese rice for lunch. Chef Matthew's class this week was making Chinese Spring rolls with Preschool for them to take home with the recipe.

We have celebrated Valentine's Day by making heart shaped biscuits, Valentine's cards to take home including rhymes about Valentine's Day and the older Preschool children doing their own independent writing. Our Preschool 1 and 2 children hosted their assembly showing their February work and singing their new songs. The weather was so nice that we held this outside on our decking area. The parents/Grandparents were invited to stay and look at their child's work in their rooms and have a little stay and play. What a lovely afternoon we had, thank you to all that attended.

Chef Matthew has been doing his weekly cooking class with a different room each week. He has been doing a variety of different dishes with the children this month, to name a few; individual apple crumbles, cheese scones, tuna melts to name a few. When the children take part in Chef Matthew's cookery class, they will bring home the food that they have made, a certificate along with the printed recipe to enable you to make this at home with your little one. Watch out for our exciting March recipes.

All of the rooms have organized and taken part in trips around Wilmslow to feed into their planned topics. They are greatly admired as they walk and ride around Wilmslow in our turtle bus. We have visited the library, the train station, the pharmacy, the bakery to buy biscuits for our staff meeting, Sainsbury's to buy fresh fruit to make fruit skewers and lastly our Preschool children had a trip to Boots opticians to experience sitting in the opticians chair for an eye test, wearing 3 glasses, colour test glasses etc. The children all came back with a goody bag from the Opticians. Thank you to the Boots team for organizing this trip with us.

Lastly on behalf of our Pepperberry Team, the children and parents I would like to thank our owners and Directors Anthony and Gillian Akaraonye for their continued support, commitment and continued investment into Pepperberry. Of course a huge thank you for Olimpia Malaescu our Director of Operations for her constant love, help and support shown to the nursery and the team. All of this combined ensures that we are able to provide the best resources and outstanding experiences and opportunities for our children.

Introducing a Member of our Team - Emma Roberts - Chilli Peppers



My name is Emma and I have recently joined the Pepperberry team. I am an Early Years Assistant in Tiny Peppers.

I am 19 and have recently moved to Knutsford. I am currently doing an early years apprenticeship. I enjoy doing this job as I love to see young children's development throughout the years.

Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary

- Saint David's Day (Wales) – Friday 1st March** (come dressed in yellow)
- Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) – Tuesday 5th March**
- Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 6th March**
- World Book Day – Thursday 7th March** (dress up as a character from your favourite book – raising money for Cracker Jacks Charity)
- Preschool 1 & 2 Assembly – Tuesday 12th March @ 2pm**
- Saint Patrick's Day (Ireland) – Sunday 17th March** (dress up in green on Friday 15th March)
- Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) – Wednesday 20th March** – (come dressed in red or spots)
- Persian New Year – Thursday 21st March**
- Mother's Day – Sunday 31st March**
- Oliver Dunn Chocolatier – Friday 29th March**
- Eggsploring Experience – 18th – 29th March** (we will be hatching our own chicks)

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Brought to you by
our very own Chef
Matthew

Recipe of the Month: Chef Matthew's Scones

Ingredients:

- 225g self raising flour
- 55g butter
- 25g caster sugar
- 100ml milk

Instructions:

1. Heat the oven to 220c/425F/gas mark 7. Lightly grease a baking sheet
2. Mix together the flour and rub in the butter
3. Stir in the sugar and then the to get a soft dough
4. Turn on to a floured work surface and knead very lightly. Pat out to a round 2cm thick. Use 5cm cutter to stamp rounds and place on a baking sheet. Lightly knead together the rest of the dough and stamp out more scones to use it all up
5. Bake for 12-15 minutes until well risen and golden

Baby Peppers

This month Baby Peppers have been doing lots of activities based on our topic of the month 'Weather'. We have been exploring different textures such as flour and cotton wool. We have also created clouds by painting and gluing and sticking. We have been having lots of fun splashing in water whilst singing our rhyme of the month 'Incy Wincy Spider'. Baby Peppers have also been exploring paint with their hands to create a rainbow. We have created some tissue paper rain drops and made a water spout out of recycled materials for our display board. Baby Peppers have made a giant sun for their display using yellow paint and gold glitter. We have been on lots of trips around Wilmslow in our turtle bus. We went to the bakery and into Wilmslow town center. We would like to wish all the babies who celebrated their birthday this month a very Happy Birthday. Our rhyme of the month next month will be 'I can sing a rainbow', our book of the month will be 'Elmer' and our topic of the month is going to be 'colours'.

Tiny Peppers

Tiny peppers this month have been focusing on activities around our book of the month 'The very hungry caterpillar' and our song 'pat a cake'. We have been learning new words when playing with the role play foods for the Caterpillar to eat, tasting different fruits and designing our own 2d fruits and caterpillars by making marks. We enjoyed trips into the community to visit the local bakeries and bought some treats. We also used our moving and handling skills and our care giving experiences to explore messy play tuff trays and make our own cakes.

Next month our book of the Month is 'Dear zoo' and our rhythm of the month will be 'Old McDonald'.

Sweet Peppers

In Sweet Peppers this month we have been focusing on the story of 'Peace at Last'. We created our own airplanes, beds and we made some 2d cars. We also sang our focus rhyme of the month 'Twinkle, Twinkle'. We made some stars using lots of different materials, such as glitter, tissue paper and foam paper. Alongside all of this we have also celebrated Valentine's Day. We spoke about who we love and made them a Valentine's Day cards. We have been also celebrating Chinese New Year making lanterns and decorating pigs. Sweet Peppers children have been baking with Chef Matthew, this month we made some lovely apple crumbles to take home. We have had lots of trips in Wilmslow to Sainsbury's and the train station. Our book of the month for March will 'A Kiss Like This' and our Rhyme of the Month will be 'Three Cheeky Monkeys'

Chilli Peppers

This month Chilli Peppers have been exploring 'The Scarecrows Wedding' for our book of the month. We made our own scarecrows and all the key illustrations from the story book. We have focused on Valentine's Day and discussed our feelings and what/who we love and why. The boys and girls all made flower handprints for a special blossom tree and wrote who and what we love. We have continued celebrating different days from around the world. This month we celebrated Chinese New Year and made special lanterns. We also got to enjoy Chef Matthew's Chinese rice. We had lots of fun in the snow at the beginning of the month and made snow pictures to put on our wall. Our letter/sound of the month has been 'S s'. Next month we will be looking at the story 'Owl Babies' which links to Mother's Day. We will also be turning our role play area into a forest. We can't wait to explore it! Our letter/sound of the month will be 'T t' and number of the month '3'.

Grand Peppers (Preschool 1)

This month in Preschool 1 we have been looking at people who help us and our community around the nursery. We have been on lots of trips around Wilmslow such as, to the opticians, library, the park, the bakery and the pharmacy. We also had a parent's assembly where lots of mummy's and daddy's came to watch us sing some special songs for February and we got to show them our work we have been doing. Next month we are focusing on healthy eating and the new book of the month is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Our letter/sound of the month will be 'S s'

Preschool 2 Peppers

February has been very busy. It started with Chinese New Year and the children have been exploring Chinese food by making spring rolls with Chef Matthew and tasting Chef Matthew's Chinese rice. They also learnt about the culture by writing numbers, making money wallets, making cards and singing Chinese New Year songs. Our book of the month was all about Wilmslow. The children visited lots of places in the community including the pharmacy, health center, library, Sainsbury's, boots opticians and more. Our topic has been People Who Help Us and we have looked at what emergency services do. We have been learning what we would do if there was an emergency such as emergency first aid the recovery position, what to do in a fire and we did some work on stranger danger. In amongst all this we have had another fabulous Preschool assembly. Next month we will be looking at the Hungry Caterpillar and healthy food. And also look forward to Saint David's Day, Pancake Day, Saint Patrick's Day, Red Nose Day, Lent and Mother's Day.

Baking with Chef Matthew – Apple Crumble



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Extra notes:

Congratulation to three of our employees who have celebrated their special years' service with us this month:-
Laura has completed 1 year service award Tami has celebrated 2 year service award Hannah has celebrated a huge 5 year service award



Policy of the Month: Equipment Policy

At Pepperberry we provide the children with furniture, equipment, toys and resources that meet the teaching and learning needs appropriate to their age, as well as their social, physical, emotional, educational, spiritual and cultural needs and development.

Toys

- All our toys meet the appropriate safety standards and regulations.
- All our toys are appropriate for the children's age and stage of development (including babies and children under 2).
- All our toys are clean and well maintained. All rooms have rota for cleaning the equipment and toys regularly
- Toys are clearly labelled and stored in a safe and tidy way.
- Toys are made accessible to the children so that they are able to make free choices and work or play independently.
- We choose resources, such as books and toys, which promote positive images of all races, cultures, social backgrounds and abilities.
- We discourage any toys or types of play that promote gender stereotypes.
- We offer toys that provide sensory experiences to help language development.
- We supply toys that offer emotional comfort and support to babies and children under 2, as well as to less-confident older children.
- We provide enough toys to give children a varied and stimulating range of resources, promoting imagination, fun and flexibility, and encouraging open-ended activities.

Furniture

- We provide enough furniture to create a comfortable and relaxed environment for all the children.
- All new furniture that we purchase takes into account the age, size, height, physical ability and disability of all the children.
- Furniture is kept clean and well maintained and meets all the safety standards.
- All furniture that is not in use is stored safely, not stacked in any way that puts children or staff at risk.
- Furniture never creates an obstruction to emergency exits.

Other Resources

- Tools and equipment such as scissors, staplers, hammers or nails are stored and labelled and children are taught how to handle them correctly and safely.
- Children are encouraged to collect and save clean and safe recycled household and natural materials to use again.
- Recycled resources are clearly labelled and stored appropriately.



Photos