



Message from the Management Team

July has been a very busy and exciting month and lots of amazing weather for the children to enjoy outside. July has brought lots of sunshine and with this lots of fun! Our little ones have enjoyed splashing in the new paddling pools and water beds we purchased for the garden, plenty of ice-cream and ice lolly treats and picnics outdoors.

This month we have also purchased and installed a new climbing frame with swings and slide for the garden area with the money raised at our Summer Fair for which we are very grateful for your contributions. The children love their new equipment.

In July we have also celebrated our pre-schoolers Graduation. We are slowly moving towards the close of another school year and our preschool children have now graduated and will very soon make their transition to the local schools and start their journey in the Reception class, we would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Team to thank all our parents for all the your support and contributions towards the nursery and our children's development this year and beyond. We are very proud of our nursery and the staff who work very hard to make the learning fun and exciting for our children. While the nursery is an important place for children's education, you as families have played an equally critical role in the development of your children. The partnerships Pepperberry Day Nursery has built with parents over the years has contributed significantly to making learning more interesting and effective for our children. We hope that the Graduation Ceremony was a great day for both you and your children and will stay in your child's memory as well as yours forever. We will treasure these moments and will miss all the children and families whose journey with Pepperberry has now come to an end, and we hope to hear from you in the future with updates of your children's achievements in school.

We would like to say a big thank you to Macclesfield Football Club team for coming in for the Family Football Session and providing a great time for our children and the parents that have so kindly given up their time in the morning to join us.

During July we have welcomed a few members of staff to our team: Hannah C in Preschool 1 – Level 6 qualified and with lots of experience in working within the Early Years; Corinne – a new Lunchtime Assistant, Laura – a qualified member of staff working with us over the Summer Holidays period.

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Introducing a Member of our Team - Elizabeth West - Chilli Peppers Early Years Practitioner



My name is Elizabeth West and I am an Early Years Practitioner in Chilli Peppers.

I have been working in childcare for 20 years. During this time I travelled around the UK going to different schools and nurseries. I enjoy doing messy play activities and making play dough with the children. In my spare time I enjoy going for walks, listening to music and cooking for my 5 children.

Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary

Pepperberry Sports Day – Friday 9th August @ 10am
Chilli Peppers, Preschool 1 & 2 scooter race (**please bring your scooter and helmet**) **Chilli Peppers and Preschool parents are invited to attend**

Eid-al-Adha – week commencing 11th – 15th August

Bank Holiday – Monday 26th August (**Nursery Closed**)

Muharram – Islamic New Year – Friday 30th August



Brought to you by
our very own Chef
Matthew

Recipe of the Month: Chef Matthew's Fish Pie

Ingredients:

- 800g potatoes
- 200g salmon fillets
- 200g haddock fillets
- 25g cheddar cheese
- 500ml whole milk
- 35g butter
- 35g plain flour
- 75g grated cheddar cheese

Instructions:

1. preheat the oven to 180 – cut the potatoes into large pieces and boil for about 20 minutes and place the fish onto a baking tray and cook in the oven for 10 minutes.
2. To make the cheese sauce add milk, flour and butter into a bowl and microwave for 5 minutes, whisking half way though.
3. Drain the potatoes and slice into 1cm tick disks
4. Spoon the cheese sauce on top of the fish and cover with the sliced potatoes – sprinkle grated cheese on top
5. Bake in the oven for about 15 minutes or until the cheese has melted and gone a little cris.

Baby Peppers

The babies have been focusing on holiday theme and sensory play. The babies have created their own ice lollies using tissue paper, paint and different textures for their display as part of their song of the month 'The sun has got his hat on'. The babies have had lots of fun exploring lots of sand play using buckets and sand tools pretending that they are at the beach. As the weather has been so beautiful, we spent lots of time outdoors where our babies have also experienced sensory play in the water, having lots of fun the paddling pools and playing with fishes and making lots of sounds. The new water mats have helped keep babies cool in the hot weather. The babies were very lucky and had plenty of ice lollies to help them keep cool when the weather was very warm, it was a lovely treat. They played in the water and were able to splash and get very messy which was great fun. Next month our song of the month is going to be 'Tiny turtle' and our book of the month will be 'Dear Zoo'.

Tiny Peppers

This month Tiny Peppers have been looking at under the sea theme. Our book of the month was 'The lady who swallowed the sea', and our song was 'five little speckle frogs'. We have expressed ourselves in many ways by creating our own fishes to go on the display and children really enjoyed this. We have spent a lot of time outside enjoying the weather and experience sand and water play. While the weather was beautiful the children really enjoyed water play and experiencing our new water sensory mats while they were able sit on them and feel the water underneath them. The children also enjoyed building sand castles and creating marks in the sand. Next month we are focusing on number awareness our song is Shape song singalong by Barefoot books and our song is 10 fat sausages which we love.

Sweet Peppers

This month in Sweet Peppers we have enjoyed looking at 'The Tiger who came to tea' storybook. We have enjoyed doing roleplay making food. The children also enjoyed making turtles for the display board using paint and other craft materials. We have loved outdoor play in the sun shine, and we had lots of fun playing in the paddling pools and eating ice lollies. Sweet Peppers have enjoyed having picnics with their friends. Sweet Peppers have also enjoyed baking with chef Matthew, mixing the ingredients together. Next month we will be looking at the storybook the Gruffalo and the song of the month is 'Down at the station' where we will be learning about transport.

Chilli Peppers

This month Chilli Peppers have enjoyed looking at the topic of pirates and the ocean! We have explored the story "Shiver Me Timbers!" Our letter of the month has I and our number of the month has been 7.

Chilli Peppers have enjoyed making their own cardboard sailing boat, treasure maps, pirate masks and some amazing fishes and sea animals. We have also enjoyed our phonics sessions on our amazing interactive whiteboard and singing along to jolly phonics! We have spent some lovely time in the garden in the wonderful sunshine playing in the paddling pools, getting wet and having some lovely ice lollies to cool down.

Next month we will be looking at Handa's Surprise!

Grand Peppers (Preschool 1)

Our topic this month has been Summer holidays and our book has been 'What the ladybird heard on holiday'. The children have been talking about their summer holidays and it has been lovely sharing some photos you have sent in at circle time. Pre-school one have been writing their own luggage labels and passports. They have been enjoying our "Ice cream parlour" in the role play corner too. As the weather has been great, we have been enjoying our tea times outside in the garden for a picnic and have enjoyed splashing in our new paddling pools and cooling down with some yummy ice lollies. Next month we will be looking at "Getting ready for Big school" and our new book of the month we be "First day at bug school".

Preschool 2 Peppers

This month has been all about summer holidays and different places we can go. The children looked at hot and cold places, packed pretend suitcases, made transport out of recycled materials and even wrote some postcards pretending to be on holiday! Our book has been Gran and Bret's trip, the children have been learning the tricky words "the, I, go" as part of our story, they used their phonics to write key words from the book and painted things they might find at the seaside including crabs and turtles. This month has seen a whole host of different weather, we especially enjoyed the hot and sunny days splashing in the paddling pools, eating ice lollies, fishing for phonics fish and even having a pretend car wash using the water tray and the bikes and scooters as the cars. Of course, this month we have also had some lovely parent events including the family football session and our graduation ceremony, thank you to all of the parents for supporting us and attending events at Pepperberry. This month is set to be just as busy as we welcome our new friend Julius, have our sports day (9th August), start our "big school" topic and say goodbye to our amazing preschoolers!

Our July Highlights



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Chef Matthew's Cooking Class - Hedgehog Bread and Frozen Banana Lolly

Thank you to our amazing Chef for always preparing exciting cooking classes for all our children for their weekly cooking lessons. This month our children have enjoyed making Hedgehog Bread and Frozen Banana Lollies.



Policy of the Month: Adverse Weather Policy

At Pepperberry Day Nursery we have an adverse weather policy in place to ensure our nursery is prepared for all weather conditions that might affect the running of the nursery such as floods, snow and heat waves.

If any of these incidents impact on the ability of the nursery to open or operate, we will contact parents via phone or email.

We will not take children outdoors where we judge that weather conditions make it unsafe to do so.

Flood

In the case of a flood we will follow our critical incident procedure to enable all children and staff to be safe and continuity of care to be planned for.

Snow or other severe weather

If high snowfall, or another severe weather condition such as dense fog, is threatened during a nursery day then the manager will take the decision as to whether to close the nursery. This decision will take into account the safety of the children, their parents and the staff team. In the event of a planned closure during the nursery day, we will contact all parents to arrange for collection of their child.

In the event of staff shortages due to snow or other severe weather we will contact all available off duty staff and/or agency staff and group the children differently until they are able to arrive. If we are unable to maintain statutory ratio requirements after all avenues are explored we will contact Ofsted to inform them of this issue, recording all details in our incident file. If we feel the safety, health or welfare of the children is compromised then we will take the decision to close the nursery.

Heat wave

Please refer to our sun care policy.



Photos

