



Message from the Management Team

Welcome to this month's newsletter, it has been a busy warm month here at the nursery. The children have had lots of fun exploring the natural environment while in the garden or through tuff trays in the rooms.

We experienced two of the hottest days last week 18th & 19th July, the children and staff enjoyed the weather by exploring lots of water activities and ice play and of course lots of lolly ices! I would just like to say a big thanks to the team for their efforts over those two days.

It has been a very animal themed month throughout the rooms - ranging from farm animals to zoo animals. The preschool and Chilli peppers even incorporated animals through the books they choose, such as the tiger came to tea and the Gruffalo.

This month also saw all the children participating in sports day, which accumulated in our Pre school children having their sports day watched by their parents who even had fun taking part in the parent races. Thank you and well done to all the parents who were able to attend the afternoon and took part.

It was also our graduation for our preschool leavers, which is as always both a magical and joyous occasion but mixed with some tears as the teachers say goodbye to the children they have seen grow and develop over their time at the nursery. I would like to say another thank you to our preschool teachers for all their dedication and hard work throughout the year to the final celebration on the day. A very big, good luck and goodbye to all our graduates leaving us this year we hope you have lots of fun at school!

I am happy to introduce some new members of our team who have joined us this month. We have Miss Mui in preschool one with Miss Jess, Summer who has gone into Tiny Peppers room also Alice has gone into Tiny peppers. From Monday 1st August Janelle will be joining us and will start in Sweet Peppers. In August Stacey will be returning after her maternity and we look forward to having her back with us.

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Introducing:



Summer Mok – Early Years Practitioner in Tiny Peppers

Summer has been working in Tiny Peppers for the last month. She has got to know all your little one's within the room and is creating new activities for them to explore.

Summer has moved from Hong Kong where she has a degree in Early Childhood Education. Welcome to the team Summer!

Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary

The weather is turning beautiful but make sure your little ones are protected from the sun when they play outside. Sunhats, sun cream and sunny smiles!

W/C 1st August - Commonwealth Games

15th August - 22th August - Food Bank Donations

Monday 29th August - Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)

Brought to you by
Chef Alison



Recipe of the Month: Gruffalo Crumble

This Month Chilli Peppers made their own Gruffalo Crumble! Why don't you have a go at home! You will need...

- 3 apples
- 300g Blackberries
- 75g Unsalted butter
- 100g Plain flour
- 50g Oats
- 50g Brown Sugar
- 1 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon of caster sugar
- 1 tablespoon of apple juice

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C and find a baking dish
2. Peel and core the apples before chopping them up and placing them into a bowl with the blackberries, saving a few blackberries for the top.
3. Add the cinnamon, caster sugar and apple juice into the bowl with the fruit and give everything a good stir!
4. Tip the mixture into the baking dish
5. Cut up the butter into small cubes and place it into a mixing bowl with the flour and mix using your hands to represent crumbs. Add in the oats and sugar and give it a stir.
6. Sprinkle the mixture over your fruit and spread it evenly and place the remaining blackberries on top
7. Cook in the oven for 40 minutes then enjoy!

For an extra treat why don't you try the crumble with some Owl Ice Cream!

Baby Peppers

This month in Baby Peppers we have enjoyed exploring the Jungle. We created our own monkeys making marks in brown paint, getting very messy! We have explored the different animals that you find in the jungle such as lions, monkey's, elephants, and snakes and sang songs about the noises they make. We have been exploring different textured materials to create other animals such as egg box crocodiles and feathered birds. We have also enjoyed getting messy in our Jungle tuff trays.

Tiny Peppers

We have had another fantastic month at Tiny Peppers filled with joy, excitement and building up healthy relationships. The children took part in variety of different and wonderful activities while we all have tried to learn new things, explore what's around us and get to know each other even better. Our July theme was "There is a worm at the bottom of the garden" and most of our activities were in connection with it as our tiny peppers really enjoyed them and actively participated. We displayed all their hard work and creativity on our July display board. The children have used their imagination while hand printing grass, painting the sun, sticking cotton on the clouds to make them fluffy and coloring in worms, spiders, and bees.

Another great experience in July was going on a little trip to the shop with some of the children. They bought vegetables which we used to learn more about healthy life. Also, in July we enjoyed as much as we could the hot weather which gave us the chance to play with water and ice. All the children were great athletes in Sports day and showed us that everyone can do sports no matter of their age or abilities.

Sweet Peppers

This half term in Sweet Peppers we have been looking at the storybook 'that's not my chick' and the nursery rhyme 'baa baa black sheep'. The children have enjoyed decorating chicks and sheep using glitter, pom poms, rice, and beads for our book of the month display board. The children showed good control when spreading the glue using the glue spreaders. Also, this half term sweet peppers have enjoyed lots of water play splashing around in the water and the bubbles. We also looked at different textures of pasta and have explored our senses using different sensory resources such as shaving foam, bubble bath etc. We have been smelling the herbs in our mini allotment and digging for the baby potatoes. The children used their hands to feel the different types of pasta. Sweet peppers also took part in sports day, doing an egg and spoon race, obstacle course and a hoop toss. We have also been looking at fine motor skills holding and using pencil crayons.

Chilli Peppers

This month is Chilli Peppers we have been looking at our favourite Julia Donaldson books. (Gingerbread man, stickman, the Gruffalo, and room on the broom). The children selected these books and enjoyed completing lots of different activities relating to each book. We have practiced writing the character names, building their houses and environments, painting, reading the stories and much more. We really enjoyed making Gruffalo Crumble with our Chef, peeling the apples, and making the crumb to go on top!

We have also enjoyed creating lots of artwork to go on our display boards.

Our theme for August is Health and self-care / wellbeing. We will be splitting the topics into weeks such as healthy eating, pamper week, dentist and doctors / hygiene followed by being active and kind to ourselves and others.

Pre-School

This month has been the beginning of saying goodbye as we held our fabulous graduation and have seen some of our graduates leave for big school. Our first few weeks focused on preparing for graduation with songs and talking about the move to big school. We also had a heatwave which provided us with the perfect opportunity to learn about sun safety, the importance of drinking water and how to help our friends stay cool. At the end of the month, we chose to focus on summer holidays as many children have been sharing news from such as wide range of holiday experiences. We talked about our experiences and looked at the similarities and differences between different places such as the different animals and weather. We then learnt about hot and cold places and what different weather we might encounter when we travel and how this affects what we might choose to pack in our suitcases. The children had fun junk modelling different types of transport that we use to go on holiday and worked as a team to create a car, bus, plane, boat, and train! We have also had imagination stations set up by our friends for the children to use their imagination and loose parts to create a fairgrounds, beaches, or other places special to them. Finally, we had a very special final day this month celebrating Tiger Day with the story: The Tiger Who Came to Tea and baking special tiger treats! During August we will be exploring the theme of transitioning to big school more as we finish saying all our goodbyes to this year's graduates!

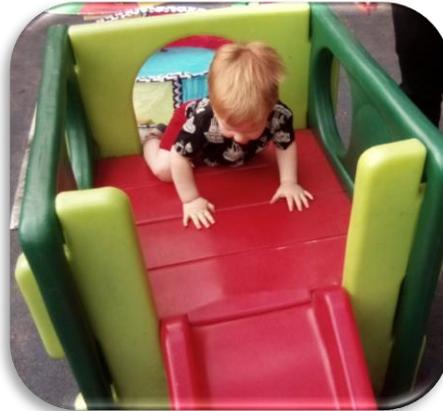


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Sports Day

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Policy of the month:

Trips and Outings Policy

As part of our curriculum the children are taken for walks, visits etc off the premises and permission will be sought for your child to be included in such outings. We at Pepperberry actively encourage the children to take an interest in their environment (i.e) wild bird spotting, squirrel and hedgehog watch etc. The children could also be taken on visits to the local railway station with talks about how many trains they can see, where they are going. The children may also take part on local nature walks which will be organized trails with professional guidance.

A staff member shall inform you in advance of any visits or outings involving the transportation of children away from the nursery. When taking a child on such a trip, outing or special event, the nursery will:-

1. Secure individual written consent slips signed by a parent.
2. Advise parents of the time and place the visit will take place.
3. Advise parents on the equipment needed for the trip i.e. coats, rucksack, packed lunch etc.
4. The ratio for staff to children depends on the age group and will be advised at the time.
5. A risk assessment and outings form will be completed.
6. Trips will only be planned for outdoor areas and not allowing the children to touch any equipment outside the nursery
7. Plan a route.

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