



### A Message from the Management Team

Welcome to our February newsletter. We started off the month with our very first Parent's workshop which focused on reading and storytelling both within nursery and at home. We went onto explain the expectations from primary schools for our little ones that are transitioning to reception class in September. The evening was lead by Kathryn and supported by our highly trained and dedicated teachers in Pre-School 1 and Pre-School 2. We had some super feedback from the parents that were able to attend. On behalf of the nursery team, I thank you for supporting this event.

We went onto celebrate Waitangi Day which is the New Zealand's National Day and within the same week we celebrated Children's mental health week. The children in all the rooms across the nursery have taken part in some wonderful activities, making Maori necklaces, singing songs, talking about emotions, self-care actions and songs, sharing stories and lots of creative activities.

Throughout the nursery the children have been celebrating Valentines' Day. Each of the rooms had their very own Valentine's tea party. The children in the older rooms made their own table decorations for their tea party, they all made cards for their families, baking heart shaped biscuits, making presents for friends and much more. The children in Sweet Peppers went on a trip to the Hawthorn Care Home to take the residents some decorated heart shapes and some of their very own creations. Our little ones loved sharing their creations that were made with love with the ladies and gentlemen in the care home.

On Shrove Tuesday we had lots of pancakes making and tasting. The children were able to decorate their own pancakes, from our Baby Peppers children through to our Pre-school children, they all thoroughly enjoyed tasting their very own pancakes.

Each of the rooms have been on trips in the local community. The popular trip this month has been the new park 'Hawthorn Park'. Wow what a fabulous little park this is, including lots of new and exciting equipment to explore. The rooms also went to the library and the supermarket to buy fruit and baking ingredients.

We have ended the month with two amazing Pre-School Assemblies. The children took great delight in singing their songs, starting with their welcome song 'hello, bonjour, buenos dias' (one of my favourites). They showed their work ranging from painted phonics pictures, Maori necklaces, poem writing and much more.

I am sure that you would like to join me in sending good wishes to Miss Jennie, one of our Pre-School 2 teachers who has now started her maternity leave. We shall miss her over the coming months, and we look forward to seeing Miss Jennie and baby in the near future.

On behalf of the Pepperberry team, I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

### Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - St. David's Day Wear a yellow day - Fundraising money for Shine Charity
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - World Book Day dress as your favourite character
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** International Women's Day
- **13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March** - Mother day activities
- **13-17<sup>th</sup> march** - National science week
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - St Patrick's day
- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Global Recycling Day
- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - Mother's Day
- **20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March** Eggsploring chick experience
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** world water day
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Ramadan starts
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** world math's day
- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Ps1 & PS2 assembly

## Introducing Members of our Team -

### Laughlan Anderson



Hi, I'm Laughlan and I am based in the Tiny Peppers room. I have been here now for almost 2 years and really enjoy my role. I am currently working towards my NVQ level 3 in childcare and hope to be finished soon.

I have a little boy called Freddie who is 5 years old. In my free time I like to spend it with my Partner and little boy, we enjoy trips to the zoo and local park.

Brought to you by our chef  
Alison.



## Recipe of the Month: Chicken curry

### Ingredients:

1 tbsp oil  
1 onion finely chopped  
2 garlic cloves chopped  
half tsp mild Chilli powder  
1tsp ground coriander  
1tsp ground cumin  
half tsp ground turmeric  
black pepper to taste  
4 chicken breasts - cubed  
100ml veg stock  
1 tin chopped tomatoes  
1 red pepper chopped  
1 tbs tomato puree  
1 diced carrot

- Heat the oil and sauté the onion over a medium heat for about 8 minutes.
  - Add peppers and carrots.
- Add the garlic and all the spices and the tomato purée to the pan and stir for a minute or two until the spices are full of aroma.
- Add the chicken pieces and stir over the heat for a few minutes to colours.
- Add the stock and tomatoes, stir well, bring to simmer, and put lid on
- Cook for 20-30 minutes stir occasionally until the chicken is cooked through and you see a rich sauce.
  - Serve with rice.
- Vegetarian option – add a drained tin of chickpeas into the vegetables before frying.

## Baby Peppers

This month baby peppers have been looking at the book...Guess how much I love you. We explored stretching with our arms out wide.

We looked at the song if your happy and you know it. We enjoyed clapping our hand and blowing kisses.

This month we have also enjoyed celebrating valentine's day, the children were very creative and made cards for our loved ones. We also took part in some baking activities during February and made yummy biscuit treats to take home.

Baby peppers have enjoyed some trips this month as the weather has been better, we enjoyed trips out to the Local parks and the surroundings.

## Tiny peppers

This month in Tiny Peppers we have been learning about love and kindness, the children have learnt and shown this in many aspects of their play and learning. The children have created biscuits to give to a loved one, wonderful arts to give to their families and they even have been creating things to give to their friends. Our song of the month is, if you are happy and you know it, the children have been creating wonderful hand prints and their foot prints for our display board. We have also been reading a book called the kiss, the children have loved learning about the animals in the story, we have been looking at different textures and colours of each animal. We celebrate pancake day this month, and the children got to explore some fantastic tuff tray and taste testing for the occasion.

## Sweet Peppers

This month we have been learning all about colours. We have taken part in lots of different activities to help support our learning and making it lots of fun. throughout the month we have celebrated lots of national days and events such as frozen yoghurt day, carrots cake day and lots more. We have enjoyed getting out and about in the local environment such as visiting the library, the shops, care home, police station and fire station.

To celebrate valentine's day we made lots of crafts, cards for our family and for the residents at the care home.

In March we will be starting to look at spring and we are excited to choose some new books from the library for our book of the month.

Message from Jamie-Leigh - Thankyou for all the support on my first month in Sweet peppers, it's been lovely getting to know you all and your little ones.

## Chilli Peppers

We have had a very busy month in Chilli Peppers. We celebrated Valentine's Day. We made heart shaped biscuits, created Valentine's Day cards for our loved ones and made hearts and decorated them with different materials. We also made some red roses and took part in lots of different Valentine's Day themed tuff trays.

Our book of the month was *Guess How Much I Love you*. We created our own rabbits, a giant rabbit and rabbit masks. Our topic was love and kindness. We sang good morning to our friends and shared our feelings and also took part in lots of sharing and turn taking activities. We also focused on our golden rules. This month we have introduced our busy books where we focus on our fine motor skills and mark making. Chilli Peppers also enjoyed a trip to the library where we got to look at lots of different books and talked about all the different vehicles we saw on the way. We have also introduced phonics; were we listen to different environmental sounds and try and guess what they are.

Next month our topic is Spring, and our book is *Nutty nut chase*.

## Pre - School 1 & 2

This month we have been very busy! We started our topics off with *All about me*. We used mirrors to look at ourselves and painted self-portraits. We also have been writing about our favourite things to write a poem. We also celebrated Valentine's Day! We made valentines day cards and heart shaped pizzas to take home! We also celebrated pancake day by reading *Mr. Wolfs Pancakes!* We had been writing shopping lists and decorated our own aprons and even had some pancakes to eat at lunch time! Some of us got to go to the new park that opened and went to the supermarket to pick up some ingredients we needed for baking! We have been practicing the letter 's' and 'a' during phonics and have been playing matching games and did some apple printing! We enjoyed ending the month with our parent's assembly! The children did a great job at singing some songs that we have practiced and showing you, our work! Thank you for coming to see us!





# Valentines Day



# Pre School 1 & 2 assembly



Happy Pancake Day!



# Staff Training



## Pepperberry Nursery Classes

Thank you to our weekly classes run by external providers.  
We have had a wonderful year of fun activities.

**Rhythm Time** – Baby Peppers and Tiny Peppers (Wednesday pm)  
(extracurricular activity)

**Stretch and Grow Class** – Sweet Peppers and Chilli Peppers, Pre School 1 &  
Pre School 2 (Tuesday am)  
(Paid activity)

**Mini Sports** – Sweet Peppers, Chilli Peppers, Pre-School 1 & Pre-School 2 (Thursday  
am)  
(Paid activity)

**Rugby Tots** – Chilli Peppers, Pre-School 1 and Pre-School 2 (Friday am)  
(Paid activity)

**Tunes 4 Tots** – all rooms 1:30-3:30pm  
(extracurricular activity)

**Kids Lingo-Spanish Class** – Pre-School 1 and Pre-School 2 (Monday am)  
(extracurricular activity)

**For further details on any of the above classes please contact Jade  
at reception.**