



**Message from the Management Team**

Welcome to our July Newsletter

We have had a very busy month in nursery, the children who are leaving us over the Summer to start Primary School took part in their Graduation, this was a lovely celebration, mixed with tears as the parents and teachers say goodbye. The children all looked fantastic in their graduation cap and gowns, and we would like to thank all the families who came to support the children and the Preschool staff for preparing them for this event.

The Management Team have been working very hard over the summer to make changes to our Reception Area and we have used some of the money raised at the Summer Fair to improve our Construction Area and Fairy Garden.

The children have all been working hard watering the vegetables in the vegetable patch on the decking and we are now harvesting these vegetables with the children and using them in nursery meals and during our cooking sessions with Chef Alison.

Early this month we sent information regarding the improvements to our 3-5 Year Old Provision, there was a further email sent earlier today from Gillian Akaraonye, explaining more about the improvements and answering some of the parents questions and concerns. There will also be an informal chat and meeting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 4pm, where you can meet with Gillian and myself to find out more about the improvements with the 3-5 Year Old Provision and we can answer any questions.

If any parents would like to arrange to meet with myself and speak about any of the improvements, we are making or have any questions regarding your child's time at Pepperberry please let me know.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and families a wonderful summer.

**Introducing Members of our Team – Alfie Light**

Hey there, my name's Alfie – I work in the Tiny's room alongside Paige and the rest of the team! I started university late and completed a Foundation Year in Early Years and Childhood Studies, but I have only ever had jobs in different areas of childcare! I enjoy going out in the City Centre and finding the best places to eat with my Fiancée, I also love being outdoors in nature, especially when it's sunny!



**Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – National Play Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August – 3-5 Year Old Provision Meeting

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Prep School Opening

**Christmas Closing Dates:**

We Close - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 @ 6.00pm

We Re-open – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 7.30am

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### Baby Peppers

This month in Baby Peppers we have been focusing on the topic colours. We have enjoyed getting messy using different materials to paint colourful pictures such as chalk paint, glitter and water paints. We enjoyed using our hands to make marks and print pictures!

Baby peppers have worked on their fine motor skills, sticking cellophane and glitter on paper to create stained glass style pictures. Baby Peppers have been exploring coloured tuff trays, finding new textures and using toys in different ways. We have enjoyed lots of messy play such as flour, shampoo and playdough.

### Tiny Peppers

This month in Tiny Peppers we have really been focusing on our summer theme and our book, the colour monster.

We feel these seasonal themes have helped improve the children's understanding of the effects the seasons have on our world. We have had plenty of activities related to summer, such as beach tuff trays with sandcastles, paintings of the sun and ice lollies to keep us cool in the heat.

Whilst the colour monster book has enhanced how the children understand their emotions, linking them to colours has aided this hugely, with activities like emotion jars, monster painting and reading the book lots to help develop their communication!

### Sweet Peppers

This month our book of the month was "what the ladybird saw at the seaside" We explored lots of sensory tuff trays such as ice-cream and seaside themes.

We also painted ice lollies and saved sea creatures that were frozen which helped develop our pincer grips.

Our rhyme of the month was "Beside the seaside" which allowed us to further explore the sea animals through tuff tray activities and also different craft ideas such as painting and drawing.

As we talked about holidays, we also made postcards from the seaside.

As we enjoyed reading, we read lots of stories and different forms of mark making to enhance our literacy skills. Many of us also took turns in taking care of our babies.

This month we were lucky to gain some more dressing up clothes which we enjoyed dressing up as such as nurses, doctor's pirate's and space explores aiding our imagination skills.

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### Chilli Peppers

This month in Chilli Peppers our theme of the month was summer. We talked about different holiday destinations, how the children got there and what they do on holiday.

Chilli Peppers also made a big camper van as part of our book Peppa's camper van. The children enjoyed painting and putting their own handprints on the camper van. Each Chilli Peppers child had their photo taken looking out the window of the camper van.

Chilli Peppers made rainbow couscous with chef Alison. Chilli Peppers worked towards a hygiene, fine motor skills, recognising their names and potty training. Chilli Peppers enjoyed Stretch and Grow, rugby tots, music time with Beryl and mini sports.

### Preschool 1 Peppers

This month Preschool One have been busy practicing for our Graduation. Thank you to all of the mums and dads for coming to watch us. The children have been practicing very hard all of their songs with Beryl. It was a very special day for everyone.

Preschool have also been learning about under the sea animals. We played many of computer games and learned lots of information using the computers. We made models using playdough as well as exploring sea animals in the water tray. We made lots of crafty pictures too. We made jellyfish, silhouette paintings and starfish by gluing and sticking. We also have been writing in our busy books about our favourite sea animals. We even had a trip to the library where we looked for books about sea animals and built a reading den.

Some of us have had our new schoolteachers come out to visit too. It was all very exciting getting to meet our teachers. We have been writing fun all about me facts in our transition passports and have been looking at booklets of our new schools and designing our own school uniforms.

### Preschool 2 Peppers

This month in Preschool 2 we have celebrated American Independence Day by making an American themed tuff tray and tried to sing the National Anthem. The children have also taken part in Children's Art week by experimenting with different types of materials and manipulating them such as salt dough and clay. They practiced their cutting skills by cutting shapes and sticking them on paper, making a collage of what makes them happy.

Furthermore, we have been very busy practicing singing our songs for Graduation. They worked hard by remembering all the words and sign language for the song Colours of the Rainbow. All their hard work shone as they did a great job when singing at Graduation.

For this month Preschool 2 has enjoyed having Summer Holidays as their theme. They have taken part in a variety of activities. For example, they have worked together as a team to make a giant ice lolly using materials of their choice. We have designed our own Passports, writing their personal information inside. They even made their first ever Postcard. Using their phonics knowledge to spell some of the Rainbow words.

This month, the letter we have been learning is 'm'. Practicing its formation through writing and playdough, taking part in letter hunts and finding objects that begin with this sound.

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## Preschool Graduation



## Writing Skills



## Trips in the Community



## Tuff Tray Activities



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## Recipe of the Month – Potato & Dill Salad

### Ingredients:

- New potatoes – bag or fresh from the garden
- Spring onions
- 8 tbs mayonnaise
- 2 tbs natural yoghurt
- Bunch of dill
- Bunch of parsley

### Method:

1. Scrub the new potatoes well
2. Boil in water with a little salt until cooked (when you can easily stick a knife in them)
3. Drain and cut into smaller pieces
4. Chop the spring onions and herbs
5. Mix the mayonnaise and natural yoghurt in a large bowl
6. Stir in the herbs
7. Toss the potatoes in the herby mayonnaise mixture until covered – add more mayonnaise if needed
8. Fancy adding a little colour, stir in some grated carrot

Brought to you  
by Chef Alison



## Pepperberry Nursery Classes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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