

St Michael's Nursery Newsletter

October/November 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have all settled back into nursery life and are enjoying taking part in a variety of different activities. We have completed our topic of "All about me and my nursery". The children have responded well to our new SHANARRI outcomes and hopefully are telling you all about being "nurtured".

The children have shown some excellent prior knowledge. We have looked at measure, early reading skills, movement and being creative with a selection of media.

November Topic



We will begin working on the topic Autumn and Halloween. We will be exploring and investigating patterns within our environment including, Autumn leaves, shapes, colour and size. We will investigate dark and light, the changes in the weather, recording its effects and matching weather symbols.

Within our Three Read approach to reading we will be exploring characters in stories discussing the beginning, middle and endings and encouraging children to make predictions on what will happen next.

Yoga

Our Yoga sessions have now started and you should have been issued with a date to attend one of our Yoga sessions. This term we are focusing on breathing and balance whilst having fun. The children thoroughly enjoy their yoga and we hope they are showing off their skills at home.

Parent Meetings

Thank you for coming along to your child's parents meeting. Please let a member of staff know if you were unable to make any of the appointments and another time can be arranged for you to meet your child's Key Worker.

Holidays and INSET Day

The School and Nursery will close on Friday 13th October for the October break and re-open on Monday 23rd October.

Please remember that Monday 20th November will be an In-service Day for all school and nursery staff.



Halloween



The children will be taking part in various Halloween activities at the end of October with a Nursery party organised for Friday 27th of October. Please bring your child dressed in their costume for lots of spooky games and a delicious Halloween snack!

The Infant Halloween Parade, which we take part in will be on Friday 27th October at 1.30pm in the school hall. All morning children are invited back to attend this event with the afternoon children. Please ensure that they are brought back via the nursery door by 1.15pm to be signed in, so that staff know who is there and who is not! All morning children should be collected from the nursery straight after the performance.

Nursery Nativity

The nursery Nativity will take place on Friday 15th December 2017 at 1.30pm. Look out for further information.

Students

Over the next few weeks we will be welcoming Early Education in Childhood students to our Nursery. We will have Gillian Seston NC student on a Monday & Tuesday. Our HNC students will be Lyndsey Morrison on a Wednesday & Thursday and Megan Kane on a Thursday & Friday. During their placements with us the students will be working with the children and observing play.

We also welcome back Caitlin Elliot who is studying for her BA in Childhood Practice who will be with us from October 23rd to November 10th.

Library books

We are hoping to start our Lending Library after the October week. The children will be given a book to read at home which they can then swap the following week. If you are interested in helping out with this it would be greatly appreciated. Please note that this service cannot be started without parents support due to staff commitments in the nursery.



Stay & Play

A reminder for all parents that our Stay & Play workshops take place from 9.15 - 10.30am every Friday morning. These sessions are run by staff from Barnardos who model good practice in playing with the children as well as providing a snack and drink. Parents of any pre-school children are welcome to come along. It's a great opportunity to familiarise your child with a school setting, introduce them to new friends and even as a social event for parents to catch up with each other over a tea or coffee.

Grounds for Learning

Mrs McDowall is currently running a very successful workshop with a selection of children and parents in our forest area on a Wednesday morning. This is as a result of the highly positive sessions that were previously established with Lorna from Grounds for Learning. The feedback we've had from this has been very encouraging. Look out for further opportunities to get involved in the future.



Big Chef, Little Chef

This cooking course for parents/carers and children will begin on Tuesday 24th October and run for the next 4 Tuesdays. Morning session will run from 10.15- 11.45 am & 1.15- 2.45pm. Thank you to those of you who have already signed up for this. We still have a few places left, if you are interested please speak to a member of staff.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on **Monday 4th December at 7.00 p.m.** There will be lots of lovely things to purchase and Santa may also make a special appearance. Any donations would be most welcome for the raffle or tombola stall.



Medicine in the Nursery

Please ensure that any medicine or inhalers are handed to a member of nursery staff and not left in your child's bag in the cloakroom. Even if your child does not require to be given the medicine during the session, it must be kept in a secure cupboard whilst in the nursery. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Points of Information

Please remind your child not to bring toys into the nursery in case these get lost or broken.

Please inform the nursery staff if you change address, phone number or emergency contact details.

Thank you for your continuing support and remember if you have any comments or suggestions either speak to one of the nursery staff or simply complete a comment card (available in the foyer).

Yours sincerely

