



October 2021 Newsletter



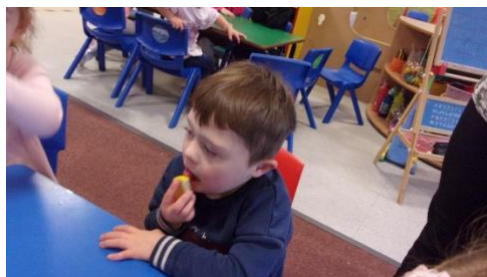
The weather is certainly changing and I'm afraid Autumn is here! We have been very lucky over the last few weeks to have had a few warm afternoons.



This month we have enjoyed getting out of the nursery into the wider school grounds. You may have seen us on the grass at the front of the school, at the side of the nursery and in the Muga. We have also spent time at the trim trail and in the woods spotting signs of autumnal changes.

The Butterflies have been learning how to risk assess. They have been learning how to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations and completing their own risk assessment for outdoors and then deciding if it is safe for all the boys and girls to come out to play.

They have also been using their senses and tasting foods such as lemons, limes and oranges and discussing together if they taste sweet or sour.



The Caterpillars have noticed the change in the weather too, and have been speaking about the new season. They have been taking photos to capture the colours of the leaves on the trees and have also been planting bulbs to bloom in Spring and drawing what they think these may grow into.



The Dragonflies have been developing their creativity by colouring rice, drying the rice and then using the colourful rice to have a little play and talking about the texture of the rice. They have also been enjoying playing outside and have been discussing what clothes we now need to wear for autumn to keep us warm. The Caterpillars also decided to set up a fruit and vegetables shop where they sold vegetables to make a big pot of soup.



The Ladybirds have been enjoying reading the stories about Percy the Park keeper. After the stories the children decided to go on an adventure to see if they could find any of the animals mentioned in the book. They brought back lots of leaves and decided to paint the leaves and use them to print pictures with. They also enjoyed playing with the sea creatures in the water.



The Bumblebees have been learning all about Autumn and have been super busy as they have decided to use things from nature such as acorns, chestnuts and leaves to create a nursery wall display, so they have been going all over the school grounds to find materials.

The Bumblebees have also been using real life tools and have been having little woodwork sessions from Miss Bano.



We have exciting news in line with Early Years guidance and Care Inspectorate after the October break we will introduce free flow learning through play for the children with exciting provocations for the children throughout the nursery. This means the children will be able to access the whole nursery offering an enhanced experience with further opportunities for the children to work together with their peers in a rich learning environment. Your child's group and keyworker will remain the same. The keyworker will take time to show and explain what this will look like as they explore the floor with their group on our return to nursery.

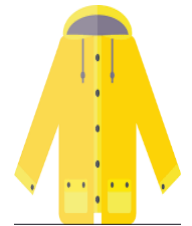
Hallowe'en

This year we will be going on a 'Spooky Adventure' within the school grounds on Friday 29th of October. We will also have our usual community walk, times will be provided nearer the time. Please look out for us on our walks. We would like to invite the children to dress-up on Friday too, as we will have lots of fun Hallowe'en Festivities. Children are invited to dress-up, but I would ask you to avoid pretend weapons and scary masks.



Dressing for Cooler Weather

The weather has taken a turn and the days are much colder so we would ask that children wear a jacket or coat to nursery as we are not able to use nursery jackets at this time. We are also continuing to follow government guidance by increasing ventilation so wearing a cardigan or a jumper is also advisable.



Nursery Snack

We would like to reassure parents and carers that snack continues to be served, despite the pause on the collection of snack money. This is provided by catering facilities and there is no need to supplement it.

Lunch Slips

We are asking the children in the morning what they would like for their lunch that day but if preferred we can still provide a lunch slip so that you may choose for your child. Please just ask. Miss Laird.

Staffing

We have had a full time member of staff appointed to the nursery since August, we are waiting for them to join us. We are also interviewing this Friday for a fixed term part time position we are very hopeful to have our full complement of staff soon.

Dates for Your Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Monday 11 th October- Friday 15 th October	October Holiday	Nursery Closed to pupils and staff
Friday 29 th Oct	All day	Hallowe'en Spooky Adventure Spooky Community Walk- more details to follow Woods and lots of spooky fun
Monday 15 th November	We will consult you in advance for a mutually suitable time.	Parents Consultations