

Nursery News



This month we have enjoyed:

Investigating AUTUMN!

- We have been on autumn walks to find signs of changes in the environment, we collected autumn leaves, acorns, pine cones and conkers! *Lots of children have brought in things that they found out and about on the weekend for the interest table- thank you all!* We used some of the object to make beautiful autumnal sculptures!
- Learning about the harvest; making vegetable soup! The children helped to peel and chop the vegetables. Some of the children also made dumplings to go in our delicious soup! *Thank you for the amazing range of vegetables we received.* It was lovely to explore the tastes, smell and textures of new vegetables!
- Exploring autumn colours and shapes, making vegetable printing pictures.
- Making 'spiky hedgehogs' for our maths display. We have been looking at numbers to 10, 2D shapes and practising our cutting skills. Please come in and have a look!

Celebrating Diwali, learning about the festival of light:

- We have been exploring clay to make clay diya lights. *Big thank you to Edward's mum for helping with Diwali activities.*
- The children have loved dressing up in sari and suits in our Diwali shop role play area. *Thank you to Iva and her family for donating lots of bangles, bindis, suits and materials!*
- We've been designing Rangoli patterns using chalks and colours power paints on black paper to make a large-scale picture and making Rangoli patterns in playdough using a range of dried beans!
- Listening and dancing to celebration music from around the world!

In November, we will be celebrating bonfire night and learning about Space and light and dark!



Forest school activity- clearing the vegetable patch ready for planting!

Dates for the diary

- Reminder-Halloween dress up day next **Monday 31st October.**
- This year's Christmas party and Nativity performance will be on **Friday 16th December between 2-4pm** (the nursery will close at 4pm) more information will be sent out nearer the time.
- Children in need- This year's theme is spots! **On Friday 18th November**, children can come in wearing something spotty or with Pudsey Bear on. We will be collecting donations and having a cake sale throughout the week. Please let us know if you'd like to come in and help with the baking!
- Ace Photographic will be coming in on **Tuesday 8th November between 9.30-10.30am** to take portrait photos. If your child is not in on Tuesday but you would like then to have their photograph taken, please bring them in on the day.
- Christmas closure- We will close at 6pm on **Friday 23th December** and reopen at 8am on **Tuesday 3rd January 2017.**



Autumn vegetable printing patterns!

Please remember....

- If you are leaving your pushchair at the nursery, please ensure that it has a rain cover over it and please leave them in the yellow box (by the new signs) and not blocking the main doors.
- As always our newsletter is available on our website, please let us know if you'd prefer us not to use your child's photo.

Ideas to help at home

- Please talk about firework, sparkler and bonfire safety at home. You may like to visit a local display-<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/bonfire-night-2016-firework-displays-11876093>
- We are focusing in fine motor activities, here are some ideas to practise at home- spreading butter on to bread, using a fork and spoon when eating, helping to peg out the washing, helping to do up buttons and zips on clothing, activities like play dough and threading beads.
- Play dough recipe- All you need to do is mix together 1 cup of plain flour, half a cup of salt and 2 tablespoons of cream of tartar and then add a cup of water and mix until smooth. Add a dash of food colouring followed by 2 tablespoons of oil and cook on a medium heat, stirring constantly until the dough forms a ball and allow to cool. Non-toxic, cheap and easy. Play dough is a great activity for developing fine motor skills, measuring in maths, creative and fun!