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### **Nursery News**

Some of you will have noticed the absence of Neil in the last couple of weeks. He has been appointed as Acting Manager at our Headingley nursery. He is missing us all and will be popping in to see us soon.

We have said goodbye to Karen this month. She has relocated and we wish her every happiness in her new home and job, she will join us for our Christmas lunch! Our new cook, Lee, will join us in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, Rachael, Laura and Eva will be dishing up tasty meals for us all. (All the staff and children are grateful that my name is not on that list!!)

We have welcomed Chloe to our Pre school team, and her daughter Nell to the Baby Room.



Hello my name is Chloe and I live in York with my one year old daughter and husband. My daughter and I started at the Fulford nursery at the same time, and we have had such a lovely welcome from everyone. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the children and staff! Outside of work I enjoy spending time outdoors, taking my dog for walks and attempting some gardening - especially at our allotment.

**Babies** – this month the children have been busy out and about in the local community. They have visited the library, choosing books to bring back to share with their friends and the greengrocers, where they bought some local produce which they brought back to nursery and used for baking. One of their favourites, for both making and eating, was veggie omelette bites. They have had lots of musical interludes using the instruments and singing along to favourite tunes. At the moment the children are really enjoying playing in the home corner. We have a kitchen unit and some pots and pans. We have some play food, and they are having a great time 'cooking'. We would love to hear what your children like to play with around the house so we can include it in our area.

# **OUR NEWSLETTER**



**Nursery 1 (under twos room)** – the children and staff have had a very busy month. The children have enjoyed exploring the local area too. They have been looking for seasonal changes on their walks and loved jumping in the crunchy, colourful leaves. They collected lots of sticks which they have used to create a tree on their display. They have made some spicy play dough and liked the smell they created using the cinnamon. Pumpkins have been of great interest, there has been lots of scooping and transferring using different tools. The staff carved numbers and shapes into them which the children then enjoyed putting the pieces in and out, they also added a battery-operated tea light. Some of the toddlers also visited the library and found several Autumnal stories which they brought back to nursery to share with their friends.



**Nursery 2 (over twos room)** – the children really enjoyed our Earth and Science week activities, and this has carried on being a spark for the whole of October. The staff have introduced the Montessori World Jig Map and Continents Globe. They looked at the continent we live on and discussed which continent some of our families have moved from, Asia being one of them. They also enjoyed a Montessori activity which looks at some animals from each continent. Using their technology skills on the iPad they found the animal and listened carefully to the noises they make. The children also celebrated National Pasta Day and they made their own pasta and all had a turn using the pasta machine. Autumn has also been explored in this room with walks in the community and lovely mathematical discussions about the size, shape and colours of leaves. The children have helped

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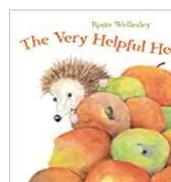
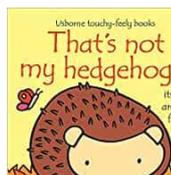
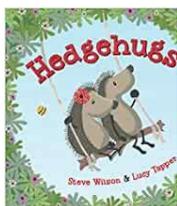
the staff to create obstacle courses in the garden and have been very energetic out there.



**Pre School** – our emergency services have been a big spark in Pre school this month, particularly firefighters! They all had a turn trying on the firefighter's jacket and helmet – they were very heavy. They also talked about paramedics and the children designed some very fancy ambulances. Junk modelling has been a firm favourite this month too. The children designed and created some fantastic rockets and a magnificent pirate ship. Autumn has obviously leant itself to lots of lovely seasonal activities, including, exploring pumpkins and counting spiders. Space and the Earth have also been a hot topic with lots of super discussions and fact finding from books. Most importantly there was a School Council meeting to shortlist the names for our new fish. The chosen names from the list were – Mango, Pinkie Pie, Tiger and Sparkly Rainbow.



Here are some of our favourite Autumn stories you might like to read at home:-



This is a beautiful seasonal poetry book the pre school staff and children love.

There are several songs being constantly sung around the nursery - you may know the words!!

I'm a Dingle Dangle Scarecrow  
Five Round Pumpkins in the Grocers Shop  
The Wheels on The Bus (always!!)  
Wind the Bobbin Up

### Safeguarding

This month the staff have been reviewing some of the policies relating to aspects of Safeguarding. One of them is our Mobile Phone Policy. Staff have to put their phones in a lockable box on arrival at nursery, they collect it at lunchtime and again in the evening. They are not allowed to switch it on in the nursery. Please can we ask the same of you? Do not use your phone on our nursery grounds so we can ensure the safety of your children at all times.

### Celebrations

11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day  
17<sup>th</sup> November – Homemade Bread Day  
19<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

We are also celebrating all things healthy this month. If you have any recipe ideas you think will fit with that please send them in.

### 30 hours funding

**If you currently have 30 hours funding you need to revalidate your current code with HMRC to continue to get the funding from September.**

If you are applying for funding for the first time from 1st January 2022, you can check that you are eligible via Childcare Choices at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> please do so before 31<sup>st</sup> December and bring in your code, National Insurance number and child's Birth Certificate. If you have already applied, please make sure you revalidate before the end of December as **you cannot** access funding for the first time if it is over three months since you initially applied!!

### Invoices and Payments

Could you please ensure that all new Government Tax Free Childcare Payments, Vouchers and Bank Payments are made by the **1ST OF THE MONTH**, in line with our Terms and Conditions, thank you?

If you are changing the way you pay, eg with the Tax Free Childcare payments, please let our Accounts Team know as soon as possible, or by the **15th of the month** on

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[headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk) so we can locate your new payments quickly and easily. Thank you for your help.

**Notice re payments after the 1st:** Some payments have become increasingly irregular, especially as new payment methods have been introduced, such as Tax Free Childcare, Bank Payments and present Voucher Payments. Please check your account and payments, as you may need to specify the payment date for the **1<sup>st</sup> of a month**. Thank you.

A 'late payment charge' of £75.00 will be made where fees continue to be late. Our thanks again for your help.

**Please note there is also a late collection fee if you arrive after 1.00pm or 6.00pm when we close.**

### Instagram and Facebook

If you'd like to follow us on Instagram and facebook, we keep you up to date with lots of activities here and any other interests too. We are Yorkshire Montessori Nursery on Instagram, @yorksmontessori on Twitter and on facebook at @yorksmontessori

### E mails

You can contact me at the nursery on [fulford@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:fulford@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk) and Allison at Head Office on [headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk)

This month I thought we would look at some Mathematical activities that have been happening over the last month. If you have enjoyed exploring shapes or numbers please add some photos to Tapestry.



Number stories and books



Enjoying number songs and rhymes



Counting things we see on our walks



Number puzzles



Sandpaper Numbers



Checking measurements for baking

### Nursery Holidays for 2021

**23.12.21 – Close for Christmas - Re-open 4 January**

*Debbie*