



Jack and Jill Day Nursery News Letter

December 2009



Healthy Eating Policy

I'm not sure if you are aware of the changes we have made to ensure that the meals we provide are healthy and nutritious.

We have implemented new menus and gathered feed back from the children and staff on the meals chosen.

We offer the children fruit daily and provide fresh water for the children to access freely. The new menus can be located in your child's room.

Parents evening

What a great night we had. Thank you all for attending. I hope you enjoyed the night as much as we did and found it informative. If you haven't already received your child's 'all about me journal' then please speak with your key person, so you can take this home to have a read through, add comments and sign. If you were unable to attend and would like to discuss your child's progress then don't forget you can still make an appointment with your child's key person at a time and date to suit.

Parent / Carer Questionnaire

We recently sent out copies of our new questionnaire, we feel that your opinion is vital and anything that can help us improve our nursery is valued.

We would like to thank you for taking your time to complete the questionnaire.

We are currently working our way through all your comments, I hope that you can see your suggestions being put into place over the next few months. The winners for completing the questionnaire were Lisa and David who won a wonderful bouquet of flowers and a book for Sophia.

Settling in sessions

As your child reaches another birthday it is a big milestone in their life, with many transitions to adjust to. To help with this we offer settling in sessions for you and your child as they move up into the next room. Just as you did when first joining the nursery you can come in and spend time in the new room getting to know your child's new key person and who their new friends will be. So please take this opportunity to ease the transition process for you and your child.



Children in Need

Well once again we had a great day fundraising. We managed to raise a whopping £135.58

Thank you for all your help in raising money for such a good cause.

The competition winners were Lennon M (Katie and Gary Malam) and Dillon .B (Larissa Currie)

Christmas Closing



Closing dates for Christmas are:

Thursday 24th December close at 4.00pm

Friday 25th December

Monday 28th December

Thursday 31st December close at 4.00pm

Friday 1st January

Re-open 4th January 2010 normal times

Christmas Is Coming

We are preparing to get ready for Christmas as I am sure you are too. I would like to let you know what our plans are for over Christmas. Firstly the Pre school will be performing a carol concert on the 15th December, all are welcome to come and watch. Letters have been handed out with further information on.

Our Christmas party will be on Friday the 18th. The famous Professor Paulos will be here to entertain along with Father Christmas and his helpers.

We will also be going crazy decorating the nursery and creating pieces of art from a variety of different materials so any Christmas decorations or recyclable materials you may have lying around would be greatly appreciated.

Lots of fun and games will be taking place near to Christmas and Christmas dinner will be on the menu, HmMMMM Yummy.

Don't forget our Christmas hamper and raffle !tickets are on sale now.

Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

Thank you for all your help collecting the school vouchers. We collected over 4000 Sainsbury vouchers and 3000 Tesco vouchers

We have sent away for some fab resources for both indoor and outdoors which we can't wait to use .

Thanks again



Children's Safety is Paramount

It has been at the request of many parents to have a more secure entrance system, As we like to take your comments seriously a fantastic new system has been put into place.

Unfortunately on a number of occasions the gate has not been shut securely on entering or leaving the premises. Can we all ensure that the gate is closed before you walk away as this is for the safety of your children.

Thank you



Halloween Party

What a great day, thank you every one who got involved and either attended the fun and games or provided party food for our celebrations. The children had such a great day

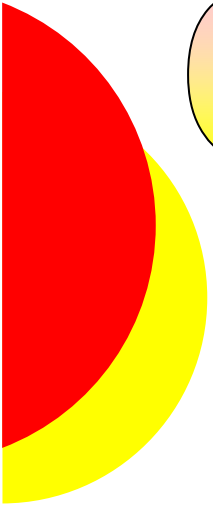


Recycling



Please can you help us to promote the importance of recycling, it is currently a big government drive to recycle and save our planet, so we would like to encourage this in nursery as much as possible. With your help we enhanced the children's learning of the importance of recyclable materials once before, they found it such an enjoyable experience we are hoping to encourage this again. We will be collecting cardboard, plastics, paper and any other materials that can be recycled. These will then be turned into works of art, so please keep and collect, encourage the children at home as well as nursery to keep our environment healthy for their future.

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Literacy

Star



Candle



Holly



What we have been up to

Babies, Lisa and Lauren,

The babies have a brand new den, it has brought a new exploration area to our room. The babies have enjoyed crawling through it, discovering their reflection in the mirror, and have a sense of adventure hiding alongside their friends. They have also created a black and white sensory corner with black and white patterns on the wall and black and white objects to explore. There is currently a 'fun time at home' display which we would like to welcome all parents/carers to bring in photos of their children, family members and pets, so the babies can look at the photos and relate to their home life, giving them the comfort of familiar faces in the nursery environment. We love to play outdoors as much as we can even in the winter so please provide the children with hats, gloves and scarves, so we can continue to explore outdoors. We had a great Halloween party too!



Babies, Jodie, Lizzie, Nina and Jessica,

The Discoverers have had lots of fun learning experiences this month. We enjoyed hunting for leaves, conkers and cones on our nature walks and made a feely basket to explore. We did lots of painting in Autumn colours too. On Halloween we celebrated by having a party, all the children and staff looked great. We had lots of fun, painting, modelling play dough and doing lots of messy play, the parents also enjoyed joining in. For bonfire night we made bright sparkly pictures which the children were very proud of. This month the children helped to raise money for Children in Need by coming to nursery in fancy dress, we raised lots of money. We are now looking forward to December and to celebrating Christmas. We have lots of lovely activities planned and we will be having a party too.



What we have been up to

Pre school, Gill, Nicky, Claire, Steph.

This month we looked at the season Autumn, We enjoyed collecting leaves and bringing Autumn items in. We did lots of leaf rubbings and twig painting which was great fun, The children loved the autumn tray they had put together as they could explore through leaves and pine cones throughout the day. We also built our very own tree house.

Halloween was sooo much fun, we had a great time in the spooky spaghetti and gooey jelly and scared all the pre school staff with our spooky costumes.

This month we have been looking at 'being healthy' we have tasted lots of different fruits and vegetables and have used fruit and vegetable puppets and activities from the toy library which has been really exciting. We have been exercising indoors and outdoors and we are also looking at helping to make the environment more friendly.

We are now busy practicing for our carol concert on December 14th at 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. You should have received your information however this is also displayed on your parent board. If you would like to take part in any of the activities we do with the children then please arrange a suitable time with your key person.



Toddlers, Angie, Michelle R, Michelle M, Georgia

This month the Explorers have enjoyed lots of different activities, such as the spooky Halloween party which was packed full of goolish fun, Bonfire night and taking part in Remembrance Sunday. We have also enjoyed looking at Autumn. We all went exploring outdoors looking for the different things that had fallen from the trees, we then collected them and took them back to nursery to paint, collage and print. The toddlers had a fun day for children in need, dressing up and going on a walk to raise money.

We are now looking at our favourite story books and asked the children to bring their own in from home to share with everyone. The children have been extending this activity and drawing pictures of their interpretations of the stories, its been great fun. If you would like to come and join in with any of the activities then don't forget to arrange this with your key person.

