

Dear Families,



Welcome to our October Newsletter, which is packed full of the interesting experiences your children have been engaging with throughout September. Many of the children have moved into new rooms so we have all been busy developing relationships, learning new routines and making new friends. During mid October please would you complete the 'Moving Rooms' surveys given to you by the Team. This is a valuable way for us to gather your views and be even better able to support you and your child. Remember if you have any concerns or queries, please speak to a member of the Team or myself.

We have had lots of celebrations across our Team this month. Kerry our Lunch Cover got married, while Charlotte and Chloe our Modern Apprentices have almost finished their qualification. Charlotte will be staying with us and going into our Transition Room as their Nursery Nurse, while Chloe will be transferring over to our Romsey branch as their Nursery Nurse. We have appointed a new Modern Apprentice Chloe, who will start in the Toddler Room.

As Autumn blesses us with its warm colours, mixed weather and whistling winds, all is calm in the Nursery, and full of rich experiences which lend themselves to childhood memories of years gone by. Who can forget jumping in puddles, stomping in leaves and collecting conkers! What a wonderful time to learn about nature and the World around us.

Thank you all for your Harvest donations, the children will be going to the Church and Romsey Homeless Shelter to give them our offerings – watch our Twitter page for photos!

This month we will be starting a weekly visit to a Care Home in the local area. To begin with we will be taking 6 Kindergarten children to share experiences such as our famous Boogie Mites, baking, playdough, and playing games which I am sure will lead to much much more!

Warm regards

Maryanne Strickland

Nursery Manager

Intergenerational

Is the 'Interaction between members of different generations'. Froebel believed in the benefits of children understanding they are part of a wider community. At Yellow Dot we are embracing this idea by making links with the older generation

Spending time together is valuable to both as it can:

- Help reduce depression in the elderly
- Provide an opportunity for both to learn new skills
- Reduce the isolation of older adults
- Fill a void for children who do not have grandparents available to them

Developing connections with a younger generation can help older adults feel a greater sense of fulfillment.

Dates for your Diary

- **Diwali**
Sunday 19th October
- **Bonfire Night**
Sunday 5th November
- **Children in Need**
Friday 17th November
- **Christmas Nativity**
12th December 2.30pm
- **Close for Christmas**
6pm Friday 22nd
- **Re-open**
Tuesday 2nd January

Babies

Over the past month we have had new Babies settling in, which have gone really well. We have been exploring the sensory toys in the room, especially the bottles and blocks. The Babies have shown an interest in the musical instruments, ICT toys and Nursery Rhymes, which we will continue to explore. They have also enjoyed exploring malleable activities such as; gloop, paint and ice play, which again we will continue to explore with further senses provocation, starting with taste!



Toddlers



Over the past month we have been following the Toddler's interests to support them settling into their new room and routines. The Toddlers have shown a great interest in stories, particularly "We're Going On A Bear Hunt", which has led onto creating bear hunt sensory trays, where the children could feel the different textures on their feet and hands. We also went on a bear hunt up the lane in key groups to build bonds between Key People and peers. Following on from walks up the lane, we have started noticing lots of leaves on the floor, which has now led us into lots of exciting Autumnal provocations as well as an Autumn provocation table (see Twitter).

Transition

The new Transition children have settled in well and have been learning lots of new skills in supporting their independence, such as 'the coat trick' which allows them to get ready to go outside by themselves. They are enjoying the freedom of being able to free flow between the inside and outside. They are also beginning to use a knife and fork at meal times so we have been building their muscles by using the knives with the clay. Many of the children are potty training, which is great, and we have been using our potty training Home Learning Bags with the children, reading lots of stories and playing the potty training bingo game! The children are all gaining lots of independence!



Kindergarten



In Kindergarten, we have been following the children's interests to settle them into the new room and routine. We have started accessing the woodwork bench, where we have been practising hammering and sawing and a popular creation is to make boats! Every week we have been walking to Tesco's to buy different foods from around the World to try, from pepperoni to croissants to pancakes! The new term has brought new exciting experiences, jumping in the pool in swimming lessons, learning fruit names in French, lab coats in Mini Professors and making dens in Nature Nursery!