

Dear Families,



Throughout October we saw multi-coloured falling leaves, darker days, pumpkins and much more. We used these as provocations to provide opportunities to explore Autumn. The children and Team have embraced the changes in the season taking every opportunity to explore the great outdoors, (our 3rd space) in all weathers making great memories too. Some of the Kindergarten children have been attending Nature Nursery at Ampfield Yellow Dot, using their senses to explore the natural world around them, whilst assessing and managing risk to keep themselves safe.

Our parent consultations were well attended. It is such a good opportunity to discuss things that your child is developing in at Nursery, as well as at home and to talk about how we can work together to support them in reaching other milestones and develop further skills. We would like to encourage you to let us know about things going on at home, days you may be celebrating and places you have visited. It helps us to build up a bigger picture of the children. Tapestry is an amazing tool for this, we would encourage all parents to upload any photos or videos you take at home for us to see at Nursery.

An amazing £203.27 was raised for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. The Team had lots of fun taking part in the Bake Off, then we raised money selling all of the delicious cakes. Karen also made a very, very chocolatey cake, which we raffled off, all in order to raise money for such an amazing cause. So thank you to everyone who donated or bought raffle tickets.

The deadline to claim additional grant funding (30 hours) for Spring 2018 qualifying children is 31st December. Please apply online at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to obtain your eligibility code so that you can claim the additional grant hours with us or another Setting. Please apply as soon as possible so you do not miss the deadline. Parents claiming the 30 hours or using Tax Free Childcare should reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months. If you have any questions about grant funding, please contact Sarah our Finance Manager.

Kind regards,

Jo Hogan
Nursery Manager

Home Learning

Autumn time brings with it lots of cold, dark days and nights perfect for baking. Why not have a go at some of these recipes on <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/category/family-kids> Children really enjoy the responsibility of cooking and it is a great way to get them involved with meal times at home as well as making healthy snacks.

Diary Dates

- **Bonfire Night**
November 5th
- **Photographer**
7th and 9th November
- **Remembrance Sunday**
November 11th
- **Children in Need**
November 17th
- **Nursery Rhyme Week**
13th – 17th November
- **Kindergarten Nativity**
December 20th
- **Close for Christmas**
6pm December 22nd
- **Re-open**
January 2nd

Babies

The Babies have been very busy exploring different sensory experiences. The shredded paper was a massive hit provoking the children to explore with their whole bodies. Some of them were hiding items inside/underneath and the others were finding them providing simple yet effective games. They have been investigating paint to create art and patterns on paper allowing them to explore the marks they make and simple colour mixing, usually ending up with a nice Autumnal shade of brown!



Toddlers

We have been out and about around Eastleigh this month! The children really enjoyed visiting the local airport to watch the aeroplanes take off and land then go to see the trains at Eastleigh train station. They also had a focus on seasonal provocations exploring different sized leaves, using their senses to feel the textures and making different marks using the leaves as well. This led on from their "We're going on a Bear Hunt" provocation, the children read the story over and over until they knew most of the words by heart. Investigating pumpkins was a massive hit in the Toddler Room too, the children ate roasted pumpkin seeds and explored raw pumpkins with their hands.



Transition

In Transition the children have been potion making, using different resources such as funnels, jugs, water and food colouring. It has been a great way for the children to explore capacity and colour mixing as well as teaching them skills such as sharing and turn taking. Some of them have even begun mark making to represent the list of things they have been putting into their potions which is amazing. The children have been busy using leaves and other items to print with too making beautiful patterns and again exploring colour.



Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children have shown an interest in aspects of math's through their play, with lots of number and counting games. They have been counting conkers, looking for numbers around the Nursery and talking about how many of them are 3 and how many of them are 4 years old, all great mathematical opportunities. They have been listening out for rhymes and have been making 'Silly Soup' using simple rhyming words such as 'rat', 'bat' and 'cat', and some of the children have also been making up words that rhyme too! The wooden blocks have also been explored provoking lots of imaginative creations such as space rockets and mazes as well as farm, house, or car park.

