

Dear Families,



Welcome to October's Newsletter. The Team and children have all settled into their new rooms and are busy exploring and making new relationships with their Key People and other children. Parent Consultations will be taking place this week and next for the children who have moved rooms. If you have not done so already, please sign up with your Room Manager to discuss your child's progress.

It has been a very exciting start to our term. We have Matt here from our Nature Nursery to take the children out and about in City; they have visited Wolvesey Palace and other historic buildings in the City to support provocations for block play. There have been some wonderful creations, which you may have seen on Tapestry. Clare Ashton joined us to lead a Boogie Mites and Rhyme Session with the whole Nursery. What a joy it is to hear children's voices joining in with familiar refrains which they experience each day. Music and musicality is a focus of our Nursery development, so if you have a favourite song you sing with your child at home please let me know via e-mail or in person and we can add it to our repertoire .

Kindergarten will be supporting one of our parents, Sarah Gynn, in raising money for Cancer Research UK. Sarah is running the Royal Parks Half Marathon on Sunday 8th October. To support Sarah in this our Kindergarten children will be completing their own toddle around the Moors on Tuesday 3rd October. We will be grateful for any donations or sponsorship for this very worthy cause.

The safety of our children is our number one priority and I would like to thank you for your patience as we are tweaking the security system on the gate to work for all.

Kathryn Jones
Nursery Manager



Supporting our Community

Thank you so much for your continued support with all our charity fund raising events. For Jeans for Genes this month we raised a total of £72.44

If you can please support Sarah in her half marathon on the 8th October

Dates for your Diary

- **Diwali**
Sunday 19th October
- **Bonfire Night**
Sunday 5th November
- **Remembrance Day**
Saturday 11th November
- **Children in Need**
Friday 17th November
- **Kindergarten Nativity**
Friday 8th December
- **Christmas Closure**
Friday 22nd December
6pm
- **Nursery re-opens**
2nd January

Babies

Our new Babies have been settling in, forming strong bonds with their Key People and learning about being with others. A focus has been getting out and about in the community and using senses to explore various textures in the outdoor environment. This will link into exploring Autumn and the colours and textures it brings to our world.



Toddlers

The new Toddlers have settled well into their new environment and are already making new friendships. Young children always enjoy a bit of music and movement so our first provocation was linked with the song 'Five Little Ducks'. The Team created a sensory exploration area that represented a pond environment and took the children out and about to feed the ducks in the local environment. They also took the opportunity to have a run about on the green.



Transition

The children have been using their senses to explore their new environment. A jungle provocation included plants with lovely scents and thinking about animal environment linked in nicely with the children going out and about to find new plants for their stick insects which they love looking at and caring for. A favourite story 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' also led to an outing to the park with their own tiger and the book for a picnic tea.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten starting point last month was friendship to link in with new faces in new places. This was introduced to the children through a story called "Penguin & Pinecone". The children were so excited when they received a penguin in the post for them to care for. Matt the Nature Nursery leader has been taking small groups of children out and about into Winchester exploring English heritage at Wolvesey Palace and other exciting sites. Kindergarten welcomed Lis to their Team in September. Lis is a qualified Nursery Nurse and will be here with us Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

