



Monthly Newsletter – October 2023

Please read the following newsletter to keep up to date with upcoming events, Pre-School news and information about what the children have been up to!

Key dates for your diary

October Half Term – 23rd October – 27th October

Open morning – 4th November (All welcome)

Stay & Play – 13th November (All welcome even if it's not your day)

'Dear Santa' Trip – Wednesday 6th December (All welcome)

Pre-School Nativity – Friday 8th December – 2:15

Christmas Holidays - Friday 15th December - 4th January

Last month we had fun...

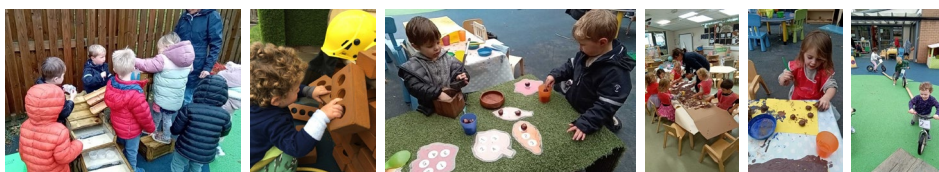
We went down to the farm with Farmer Duck and we didn't really move from there! We explored mark making and colour mixing and lots of role play at the farm with lots of different toys.

Our Monday afternoon session was lucky enough to go on a school trip to Ilkley Library! They walked all the way there and loved looking at all the books and listening to new stories. They even brought some back to Pre-School to share with their friends.

Our Tuesday session children were very excited to walk to St John's Church and watch Ben Rhydding Primary School's Harvest Festival rehearsal. They loved listening to all the songs and clapped along enthusiastically after each one.

Most of the children have also been out on a mini adventure around the field looking for signs of Autumn. We completed scavenger hunts, made journey sticks and large collaborative art with all our findings. On all our adventures the children were all so well behaved and the staff were very impressed.

We have also been busy working with our resident artist 'Mrs Hein' creating the most impressive 'Kindness Tree' – with the slogan 'Acts of Kindness help you grow'. We are going to be using our Kindness Tree to record all the kindness we spot in Pre-School by adding a leaf (with the event and your child's name). So if your child tells you they got a leaf on the tree at school – now you know what they mean!



In November we will be...

Reading – Room on the Broom, The House in the Woods, The Colour Monster

Exploring how the season change and enjoying some key festivals from the season, using the colour monster to help us talk about our feelings, introducing our kindness tree and exploring all the ways we can be kind and thinking about how we can keep our teeth healthy.

How can you help – talk to the children about what they can see and notice when you are out and about. Can you collect any signs of Autumn to share with your friends? Maybe you could make your own journey stick?

Other News

Sessions

If you are looking at wanting to increase any sessions from January, please get in touch as we have new faces joining us and some of our sessions are filling up fast!



On Wednesday 6th December at 1:30, Pre-School will be going to watch Dear Santa at Kings Hall Ilkley. A separate email has been sent with further details, if you have not received this, please let me know ASAP.

After School Clubs

Bike Club and Little Caterpillars will continue to run on Wednesday and Thursday from 3pm – 4pm. Please let us know if your child would like to join us.

Now the weather is getting colder, don't forget you can join our Early Birds 8:45 drop off, get in touch for details.

Committee News

Wreath Making workshop is back by popular demand. Please see the flyer attached for details on how to book.

After last year's success, the Committee have decided to run another Christmas Raffle as one of our fundraising ventures this year. If you have any links through friends or family with any local businesses that would donate a prize please let preschool or any member of the Committee know.

We are planning on running the raffle at the Wreath Making workshop and, in the weeks, running up to the Christmas holiday so would need to create a list of prizes by the middle of November.

Along with the other exciting fundraising plans in the pipeline, the children will be putting their legs to the test and undertaking a mammoth sponsored walk. The challenge is to walk (hop/skip/run/generally propel themselves forward however they can!) on a virtual route all the way from pre-school to Coutances in France, Ilkley's twin town. It's a whopping 382 miles in total and while the children will be getting some of their steps in at pre-school, we will also be asking staff and parents to join the trek and add to our running total themselves. We're really hoping this will be a big fundraiser and would love to raise some awareness in the community as well, as it's quite the challenge for little legs! Full details on how you can help and our fundraising page will be sent out after half term.