

Rainbow News

November 2019



Messages from the office...

Pep our long standing driver and gardener has retired. Pep was extremely forthright in his view that he should be allowed to 'slope off without any of that fuss'. However, he is not getting away that easy and thank you to the children for making him beautiful cards and pictures to send on. All at Rainbow would like to wish Pep a very happy retirement.

Well done to our cooks Mrs Hall and Mrs Walker on retaining their 5 star grading by Environmental Health this month. Thank you and well done ladies.

Why are the entrance ways in darkness?

Due to the dark nights and lighting in the car park, we find it difficult sometimes to see who is at the door when the lights are switched on in the entrance ways. We have found that by switching the lights off inside, this enables to see clearer who is at the door before we open it. Please don't think we have all gone home! If you ring the doorbell as usual a practitioner will come to the door to answer.

Please take care this bonfire night and remember the Firework Code.

If your child is not going to be in over the Christmas period we would be grateful if you could let us know, so we don't have to bother you with attendance phone calls.

Problems Receiving Invoices?

We have received a lot of emails from parents this month who have not received their monthly invoice. It would appear that quite a few email providers (particularly google mail) have updated their system, so whilst you may never have encountered problems before, it may have affected you or will affect you going forward. Due to our invoices being sent password protected, this means that the email provider is unable to scan the email & attachments for viruses, which may mean that the invoice is automatically rejected. To avoid this happening, if you add *@rainbownursery.info as a trusted sender in your settings, it will bypass the requirement to scan for viruses.

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'Tablet' Free Time

Following our impromptu no internet days, due to a fault, this month, we have decided that we are going to plan mornings, afternoons or a few hours throughout a day where the practitioners will not use the tablets within the rooms. We will alternate the times this happens to ensure that you are still receiving observations on your child, and we will still complete a daily board so that you can see what the children in the room have been up to that day. Although we have procedures in place to ensure that children still have quality interaction with the practitioners and tablets are not a barrier, we feel having times when they are not visible at all, will further develop this area.

School admissions - hard to believe but if your little one is due to start school in September 2020 the NYCC admission process opened on 1st October 2019 (deadline for applications 15th January 2020) Further information can be found on the NYCC website : school admissions

Now the days are drawing in we need to stress even greater vigilance when in the car park - as always please drive slowly and with attention. When the weather turns colder we endeavour to keep the car park and paths as clear as possible but we are unable to clear/ grit the whole site, so some areas of the car park and paths may be slippery in adverse weather conditions.



Who to contact?

- **Katie Gordon (Office Manager)** - Invoice Queries, Extras, Funding, New Starters etc - katie@rainbownursery.info
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- **Stephanie Elcock (Junior Club Manager)** - Junior Club bookings, Junior Club changes of booking patterns, New starters in Junior Club, Junior Club queries s.elcock@rainbownursery.info



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Dates for your diary

November

Dress rehearsals for Preschool nativities - get ready to sing along



December

Preschool Nativity - 3rd, 4th and 5th December

Preschool Christmas Party - 19th December

Day Nursery Christmas Craft Afternoon

11th December (DN2) & 12th December (DN1) 2.00pm-2.45pm

You should now have received an email and a post on Tapestry regarding this. Please let us know via the google form either way if you can or cannot attend. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Watson

Baby Nursery Stay and Plays - 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th December

Junior Club Christmas Party - 18th December



Early Years Free Entitlement, three and four year old funding:

Spring Term 2020 Funding claims will start from the 4th November please look out for emails and complete google sheets, requests for information etc from Katie in the main office before 16th December to make sure your Spring funding is on your January 2020 invoice. Now is the time to start applying or renewing your 30 hour eligibility codes. Remember, Remember to renew your code every 3 months with HMRC, not as catchy as the 5th of November but just as important.

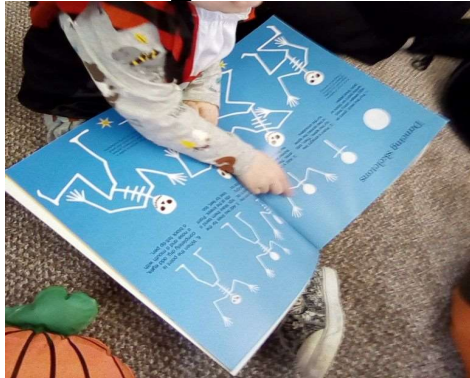
DEADLINE 31st December for renewal/ applications, however, we strongly suggest you confirm your eligibility well before this date.



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Baby Nursery News...



What a fantastic Halloween we have had this year! The children (and staff) have loved getting very messy in spooky sensory play and have all been dressing up to Celebrate!



We have even taken our activities outdoors making the most of our fruit trees and working together to collect apples for bobbing!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Purple Room News...

Over the last few weeks we have been doing lots of harvest activities including including printing with pine cones and painting with conkers we have spent lots of time exploring the nursery grounds investigating lots of autumnal changes. This last two weeks we have taken part in some Halloween themed activities we have decorated the classroom with our spooky pictures we have made.

We have enjoyed dressing up in lots of different scary costumes. We have also spent lots of time exploring a set of Halloween sensory pouches Miss Richardson made for us containing spaghetti, jelly, spiders, slime and also sorts of yucky materials!!!



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Red Room News...



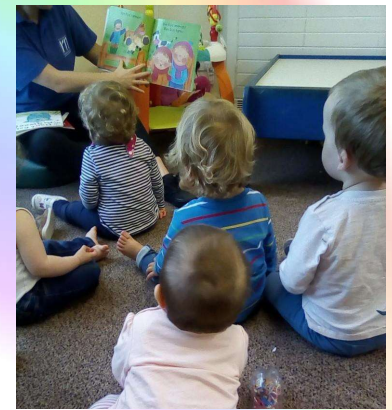
We decorated our our pumpkins using orange paint and a sponge, we dipped the sponge into the paint and then placed it onto the paper plates to make lots of orange marks! We also placed black pieces of paper to make the eyes and mouths of our pumpkins.

We have made some Halloween biscuits using green and red icing, we were encouraged to be independent by making our own choices of which colour icing we wanted to use on our spooky, yet tasty biscuits!

We have really enjoyed learning about mark marking, we have used different objects to make marks such as pencils, felt tip pens, egg crayons and then we even did some conker painting where we rolled conkers around in a box that were covered in paint to make different marks on the paper!



We also played with the heuristics toys to help with this, we made different noises on different items and tried to distinguish the different sounds of which ones were loud and which were quiet.



Blue Room News...

Over the last few weeks we have been developing our creative skills, we have been doing lots of painting and glueing to work on our fine motor skills, holding the glue stick and paint brush. We have created spiders webs, spiders, pumpkins, ghosts and Halloween sticker pictures. We have also had lots of fun doing lots of baking, we have made green and orange icing to decorate biscuits, we made rice crispy buns and we played with orange jelly. We really enjoyed looking at a pumpkin, playing with the insides and then carving it.



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Orange Room News...



This month we have had lots of fun exploring our autumn treasures that all the children collected at whilst out and about with their family and friends. We had fun with lots of different activities including painting, and tuff tray fun. We talked about the different textures and the noises the noises the leaves were making.

We have also had messy fun exploring pumpkins for Halloween we have talked about the colour orange and even had a go at our own autumn Halloween pictures. Outside we have enjoyed

autumn walks to collect apples and pears of our trees. The children were really keen to get involved and also practiced sharing the fruit with the other children.



We hope everyone enjoys Halloween and would love to see any pictures of their celebrations at home! This helps to support the children's links between home and nursery life and opens up opportunities for the staff to chat to the children about their individual experiences!



We also hope everyone enjoys Bonfire Night and remember to stay safe and warm next to those toasty fires!

If you would like to send any photos from the children's own Bonfire Night celebrations, we look forward to receiving them!

Photos can be sent via tapestry or to Miss Craven at: holly@rainbownursery.info



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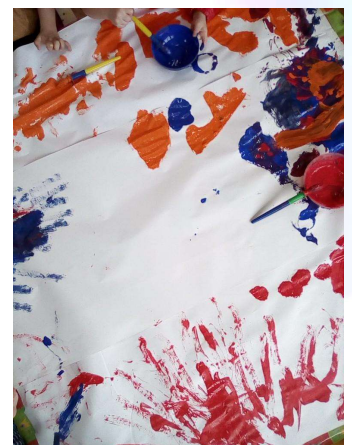


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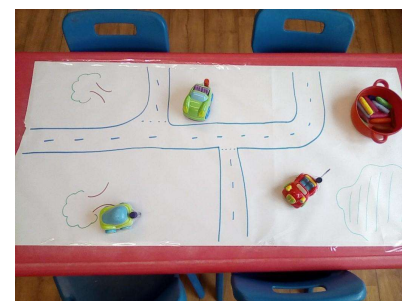
Mark Making



As mentioned in the last newsletter, Day Nursery were going to focus in the children's mark making skills throughout the month of October! The children have had an amazing time exploring mark making using their new resources. The practitioners have come up with some brilliant ideas and have incorporated the children's interests into this.



"Mark making is much more than just a scribble! Babies and toddlers learn and begin to make sense of the world through mark making. It is the beginning of a child's journey towards writing and is an important step in a child's development for handwriting, creativity and coordination. Initially children take pleasure from the physical activity of mark making, but as they develop, they realise that they can control their marks and their creativity starts to thrive." Taken from Early Years Resources



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Day Nursery News...



Day Nursery 1

This month we have enjoyed lots of creative activities! This allowed us to develop our fine motor skills, gross motor skills, imagination and work in recognising our colours!



We have spent lots of time making lots of different marks with the paint. We have used the patterned rollers to print with and even used the conkers from our Autumn collection bags to make marks with paint!



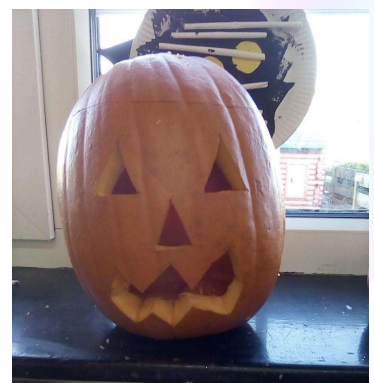
We have enjoyed using the rolling pins, cutters and various objects to create shapes, patterns and sausages too with the playdough!



We have enjoyed some autumnal activities. Thank you to all of the children for filling up their autumn treasure bags. This allowed us to explore conkers, leaves, pine cones, acorns, twigs and much more. The children were fascinated by these.



We have done lots of Halloween activities including making black cats, spooky ghosts, incy wincy spiders and fantastic pumpkins! We enjoyed watching as the ladies carved out the spooky pumpkin. We then explored the slimy, sticky mess! Yuck!



We used the paint brushes to splatter beautiful colours onto our paper to make bright fireworks for our display. We spoke about how the fireworks make a very loud noise, but show beautiful colours in the sky!



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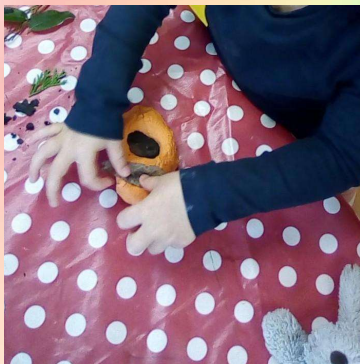


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Day Nursery 2

What a great month we have had in Day Nursery 2. We went on Autumn nature walks at home and collected lots of conkers, pine cones and leaves which we then used in our classroom activities.

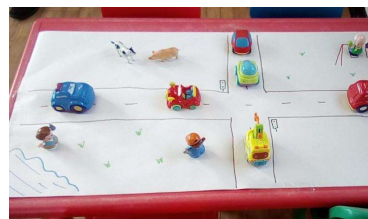
We made some wonderful pictures by conker rolling and spent time looking at and feeling the different found objects. We added them to playdough and used them to make marks with. Lots of our wonderful activities can be seen on our Autumn display board.



We have also been looking at Halloween especially in our creative activities. We have made spiders, pumpkins, broomsticks, ghosts, spiders webs and even cauldrons.



We have focused on mark making over the last month to develop our ability and skill. We have explored paint using different tools such as rollers, stamps and even dinosaurs to make dinosaur prints! In the sand we used cutters and rolling pins to make different patterns and fastened crayons to the back of cars to make "super fast lines" up and down the car tracks!



Look out for our winter display board to see the wonderful activities we will be doing over the next couple of months.



Coming up in Day Nursery in November ...

In November we are going to be working on our listening skills. We will be playing lots of games that involve using our 'listening ears', we have already been practicing how to switch these on, and doing a very good job! We will also be starting to do wintery activities.

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Preschool News...



Thank you to everyone who donated produce towards our Harvest collection. A small group of children travelled on our minibuses to hand it over to All Saints Church, Sherburn-In-Elmet. They were very grateful for our generosity and will deliver the collection to St George's Crypt in Leeds.

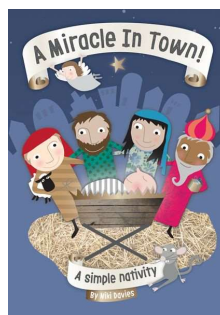


All Preschool classes received a letter from Farmer Kate asking for help. She asked the children to make some scarecrows to put in her field as the crows were eating her growing crops.

What amazing scarecrows the children made, I think you will agree!!

Coming up in November...

You will receive information on tapestry and via e-mail regarding booking tickets to attend our Nativity performance in December. Please select your preferred day of attendance early to avoid disappointment if your selected day becomes full.



Sunbeams will be discussing staying safe on bonfire night and road safety such as how to be seen now that the dark nights are upon us.

Snowflakes are going to investigate space travel, looking at the moon and stars. Number songs will be sang too such as 5 little spacemen!

Starlights will be discovering different occupations within the community and how different jobs make a difference to our lives.

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Snowflakes



Snowflakes had lots of Halloween fun! They decided that they would like to paint their pumpkins and stick shiny paper on!
Great idea!

Snowflakes used playdough to create hedgehogs using pasta and lolly pop sticks to represent the spikes.

Creative skills were developed further when the children made a scarecrow for Farmer Kate. They worked together to decide what materials they could use for the various parts of the scarecrow.



Snowflakes had a lovely outing to Roundhay park in Leeds. They had great fun completing an Autumn scavenger hunt. The children saw squirrels and even heard them talking to each other. They collected lots of Autumn leaves and conkers and even gave a tree a group hug!



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Sunbeams ...



A member of sunbeams has been growing lots of vegetables at home in their allotment and kindly brought in a squash to show her friends. The children made lovely Autumn vegetable soup, including the squash. They chopped up the vegetables themselves and all had a try of the soup at tea time...it was delicious!!

Sunbeams manipulated the playdough to create representations of various things such as making spikes on a hedgehog and adding sweet corn on to the cob.



The children have thoroughly enjoyed using the trundle wheel to count how many clicks it takes to get from preschool to the top field!



Lots of Halloween spooky fun took place. Everyone had some amazing costumes to show. The children explored what is inside a pumpkin! "Uuurgghh!! it's gooey!" was a comment heard.

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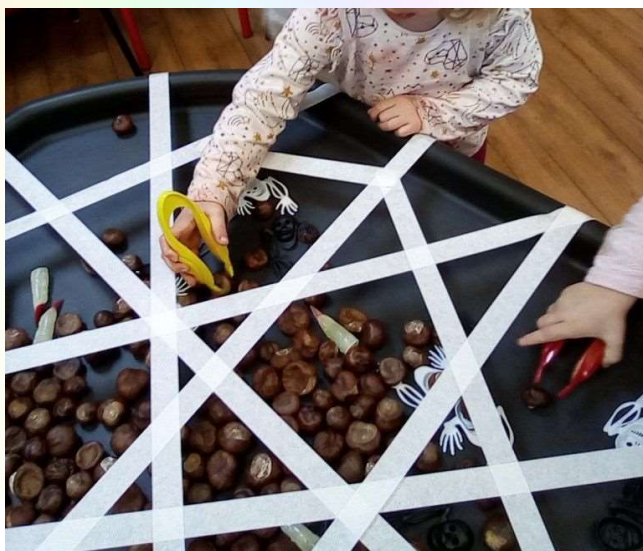


★ Starlights ...

Starlights celebrated the Hindu festival of light in style! The children made tea lights, designed Mehndi patterns on hands and explored lots of colours to create Rangoli patterns. They had great fun flicking and splatting the paints onto the floor outside!



Starlights have taken full advantage of outdoor natural resources now that Autumn is in full swing! The children have developed their scissor skills cutting up leaves and their fine motor skills using the tweezers to pick up conkers and transport them through various sized holes!



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Junior Club & Holiday Club News...



October has been a very busy month here in Junior Club. As well as preparing for Halloween and half term ghostly fun, the children have celebrated and learnt about many different awareness days, they've shown their artistic creative sides, held morning comic club before school and played outside when they've dodged the rain.

Junior Club created some wonderful white owls of all shapes and sizes to celebrate "World animal day", which are now proudly on display, perched on a very big tree. Keeping with the autumnal theme they made some collage hedgehogs to make Junior Club more



I think you will all agree the month of October has been a bit of a soggy one, so here in Junior Club we have been taking full advantage of our indoor space and using it to full potential. They have enjoyed taking part in lots of group games, especially the "Alphabet game" where they had to use their quick thinking skills to



To the left you can see an example of how amazing the children's imagination is, especially when it is too wet to play outside.

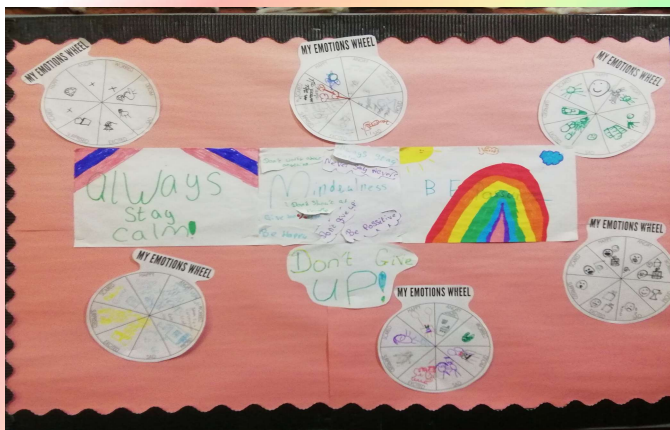


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Junior Club & Holiday Club News...

The 10th of October was World Mental Health day! Here in Junior Club we held discussions on what the main purpose of the day was and what mental health is and people's interpretations of it. We had lots of fun playing guess the emotions with some of our older children. The children also completed these wonderful emotion wheels, where they drew a representation of what makes them feel sad, angry, happy and so on. A small group of our over eight's children made us a fab mindfulness poster, even with motivational quotes. Which we now have on display in our cloakroom/entrance way.



After busy days at school, this October Miss Elcock held some bitesize Mindfulness and Yoga taster sessions to help the children feel calm, positive, while trying to enhance coordination, flexibility and body awareness. They all really enjoyed the sessions and we are going to continue with them.

Spooooooky Halloween goings on also started to take effect towards the end of October, lots of handmade decorations and pictures were made. We have transformed the role play area into a spooktacular haunted house, with ghostly ghouls and witches cauldron.



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Junior Club & Holiday Club News...

Just a reminder...

If your child is not attending a Junior Club session before or after school and they do not require a minibus to take them or collect them from school, can we ask that parents please contact the nursery to let us know. This can either be done by telephone or by email and no later than 2.30pm for the after school session. Failure in letting us know will mean we will collect your child from school and bring them back to Junior Club. So please ensure we know of any after school clubs and cancellations.

Coming up in November...

5th November: Bonfire Night, a full week of Bonfire crafts and activities..we hope everyone has a wonderful Bonfire night and remember to stay warm and stay safe.



10th November: Remembrance day.

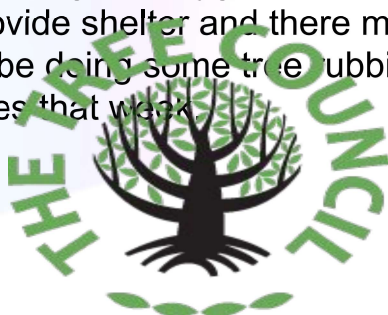


11th -15th November: Anti Bullying awareness week. This week we will be looking at bullying, the adverse effect it has on a child's wellbeing and the importance of being kind and forming friendships. The theme this year is "Change starts with us"



18th-24th November: Road Safety Week, lots of discussions and activities surrounding road safety.

25th November: National tree week. This week we are taking it back to basics, how trees keep us alive, by providing the oxygen we need to breath how they provide shelter and there many uses. Also we will be doing some tree cuttings and other activities that week.



Road Safety Week

18-24 November 2019

