

Messages from the office...

We are aware some parents are having difficulties with their HMRC Tax Free Childcare Accounts when it comes to renewing their eligibility. Please do not leave renewing your status to the last minute as HMRC are not moving particularly quickly on this and you may miss out on funds you are entitled to.



Help us give **FREE** books to schools!



One of the Rainbow parent's is working with the Big Boost scheme run by The Book People and has spread the news about this great rewards for reading scheme. All money spent on books provides the nursery with funds to purchase new books. Rainbow Nursery is already registered for this scheme so any books you purchase at thebookpeople.co.uk please click to support Rainbow.

We had a wonderful time cheering the cyclists (and the team cars, and the motorbikes, and the helicopter, and the ambulances) as they went past on Friday with the Preschoolers making star appearances on the BBC and Eurosport coverage of the cycling. Well done, Preschool.





New autumn menus are now available to read in the outdoor notice boards running from the 1st October.

School admissions - hard to believe but if your little one is due to start school in September 2020 the NYCC admission process opens 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.



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Dates for your diary

October

Teacher Training Day - 25th October for Athelstan, Saxton and Kirk Fenton Schools

Halloween Fancy Dress - Every day w/c 28th October



Half term holidays - 28th October - 1st November

MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GO ON!

Courtesy of Rainbow elves Mr Taylor, Mr Hartley and Pep

Christmas events - more details TBC next month

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

Preschool Christmas Party - 19th December

Day Nursery Christmas Crafts - 11th and 12th December

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:

Autumn funding window is now closed with all claims processed by NYCC. Please make sure you keep your eligibility code valid to keep receiving the extended funding entitlement. Please do not leave the renewal of codes until the last minute.

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.

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Baby Nursery News...

We have lots of exciting news to share with you from Baby Nursery this month... but first...



To celebrate the wonders of Autumn in the Baby nursery, we will be using lots of different materials such as leaves, sticks, grass, pine cones etc to assist in our developing understanding of the world.

The children will be using these items to make sounds and music, make marks and mess, and to investigate in their own individual ways!

From the 24th September outside each room there will be little collection treasure bags. If you would like to take one to have your very own Autumn treasure hunt, please feel free. We can't wait to see what everyone discovers!

Happy Treasure Hunting!

Harvest: We would like to invite you to contribute any spare produce you may have, which will be taken to a local church to be donated to a charity in Leeds for the homeless. Please place any donations into the two boxes situated within the Baby Nursery entrance or Outside Orange room entrance by Friday 4th October. Tinned goods, dried pasta, packet foods, pulses and clothing are all welcome. **Many thanks for any help you are able to give!**



Teething Medications - Please note that our nursery policy states we must follow the guidelines stated on medication packaging (unless otherwise prescribed).

This includes following administration and expiry guidelines on teething medications (e.g. Bonjela, Teething Granules, Anbesol, Dentenox etc.) Please check your child's teething medication use by dates as some state that the product must be discarded after 30 days.

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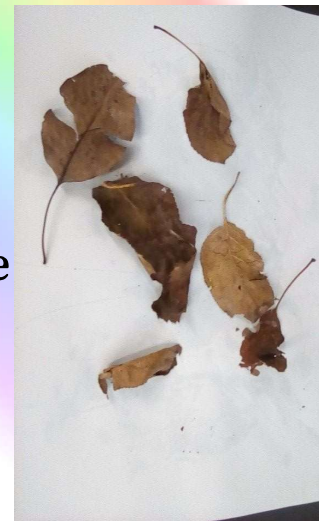
Red Room News...



This month we have been introducing the colours, smells, textures and sounds of Autumn! The children have been using their hand eye coordination to make their own apple printed pictures!



This took lots of concentration to use those fine motor skills and grip! We have also been busy exploring the apples that have fallen from the trees in the garden, and collecting leaves to use in our gluing and sticking activities!



The children in red room have also been learning how to use their physical skills to control their jugs as they take turns to water the herb garden in red room.

We have recently reintroduced coloured spaghetti into our messy play tool kit and the children loved exploring a new texture and even role played making some dinner!



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Blue Room News...

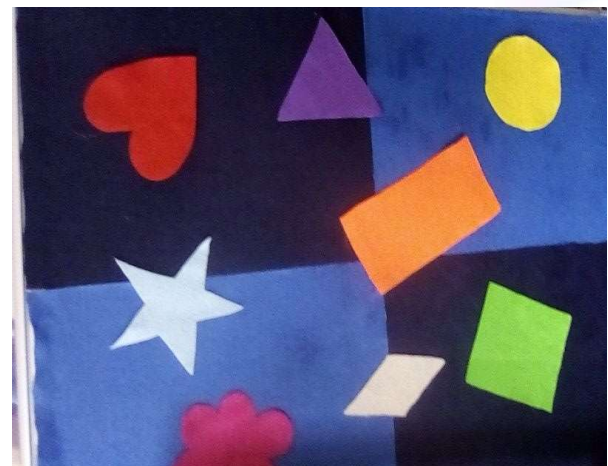


We have also been exploring our sensory skills and mark making. Playing in gloop, flour and bubbles, using our hands to make marks and we talked about the feel, smell and colours. Our favorite activity was using our fine motor skills and developing our finger muscles to make small movements and make marks like “dot dot dots!”

We have been learning basic shapes such as star and circle and we created a new shapes felt board. Over time this will grow to include a variety of stories told through the felt board! This is another medium for the children to explore their understanding of the world in a more tactile way.



Blue room have also enjoyed exploring the garden a lot this month, we have enjoyed long walks on the field. Exploring the day nursery play area and looking for apples and pears in the trees.



Purple Room News...



Over the last few weeks we have been enjoying watching the changes in our environment as we have entered autumn. We have explored the nursery grounds and gardens looking at the fruit growing on our trees. We have collected apples and pears to use in activities such as printing and painting. We have talked about and watched with excitement lots of tractors and combine harvesters in the fields around nursery. We have also produced a new display in the room featuring a scarecrow and have been playing with some knitted scarecrows. Next we are going to be exploring all things scary as we get ready for lots of Halloween fun and activities Miss Rutter is already planning her fancy dress costume!!!



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Orange Room News...



In Orange room we have been very busy down on the farm! The children have enjoyed singing Old MacDonald and attempting their animals sounds! This led into a sensory tray set up with all the different animals from the Old MacDonald's farm.. and even his tractor! They were able to share the resources beautifully and spent lots of time playing Imaginatively and making their own animal sounds!



The wonderful maintenance fairies have also been hard at work re-building our amazing bridge for the baby garden! the children have had lots of

fun challenging their gross motor physical skills to cross the bridge in a variety of ways, from walking, to running, to jumping and crawling! They have also been learning to share and take turns with their friends. Finally they have been encouraged to manage their own 'risky play' under supervision of the practitioners! Well done Orange Room children for being so grown up!



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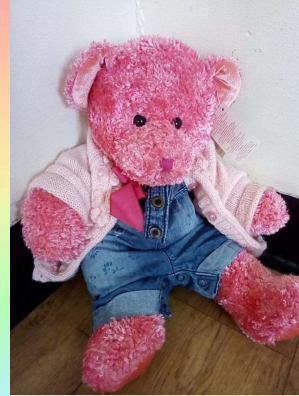
Day Nursery News...



Introducing Day Nursery's Home Bears



CHESTNUT



STARDUST

You may have seen on Tapestry that we are introducing a 'home bear' in each of the Day Nursery rooms. We would love to hear what the bears have been doing on a weekend with you so please share this information and any photographs on your child's Tapestry account. We will then use this information to help your child to recall what they have been doing at the weekend with with Chester or Stardust to encourage their Personal, Social and Emotional and Communication and Language Development as they share this with their friends.

Chestnut and Starlight will come with their own bag, a story book to read at bedtime which will help with your child's Literacy Development and a toothbrush and hairbrush to help their Health and Self Care development.

Every child will get a turn to take Chester or Starlight home and we would ask that you return the bear after the weekend, when your child is next in nursery.

We hope you enjoy looking after Chestnut and Starlight and we cannot wait to hear all about their adventures.



Week Commencing 28th October 2019



Every day week commencing 28th October there will be lots of spooky Halloween activities taking place within Day Nursery. If you would like to you can send your child in fancy dress that week, but please send a change of clothes as well for outdoor play. There will be lots of messy activities going on this week, so maybe not advisable to send them in their best clothes.

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Day Nursery News...



Day Nursery 1



Day Nursery 1 have had great fun this month... 'The Rainbow Shop' was a definite hit. We set up a shop in the classroom with tills, shopping baskets and real fruit and veg, which the children loved... the apple didn't last long before there was a little nibble missing out of it though!



The children have enjoyed collecting leaves from the field to create leaf printing pictures for our autumn display.



They have also enjoyed lots of creative activities and baking activities. The children collected apples from the tree's in the field and then helped turn them into delicious apple pies! Yum yum! The children helped mix together all of the ingredients before taking one of the pies home to taste.



We have been focusing on our colours and shapes when painting. We used shaped blocks to print paint onto the paper as well as using stamps to talk about our favourite colours. What a busy month for learning!



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Day Nursery News...

Day Nursery 2



This month in Day Nursery 2 we have been looking at Autumn and how the weather is beginning to change. We talked about how it feels colder and how mornings are getting darker.

We spoke about the trees and how the leaves change colour and fall to the floor. We used our hands and fingers to create our own tree pictures using red, orange and brown paint.

We have been on a nature walk where we collected lots of apples that have fallen from the trees. We took them back to the classroom and used them to print pictures.



We will be continuing to look at Autumn during the next few weeks and will be adding photos of the fantastic activities and pictures we have created to the ongoing learning journey display board in the classroom.

We have also continued to develop our fine motor skills through scissor activities, threading and peg boards. The children have made great progress and we are all very proud of their achievements.



Coming up in Day Nursery in October ...

To continuously improve the rapid progress that the children make in all areas of their development, Day Nursery will be looking at everything mark making in October. We will be using different tools for mark making, using different resources to make marks and Miss Watson will be planning days that involve nothing but mark making activities for us! Mark making helps us develop so many skills, not only early writing skills but it helps develop all 7 areas of learning of the Early Years Foundation Stage! Look out in October's newsletter to see what we have been doing.

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Preschool News...

Snowflakes



Snowflakes picked their own apples from the trees in the nursery orchard.

The children used the apples as part of various activities from baking apple pies and apple biscuits. Various tools and techniques such as grating, chopping and rolling were used. Apples were also dipped in paint to create patterns and prints.



The outdoor environment was brought inside. Snowflakes picked up leaves that have begun to fall from the trees and used them to create Autumn collages.

Conkers promoted maths and shape development. Following various shapes and counting out the correct amount of conkers to the numerals.



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Sunbeams ...

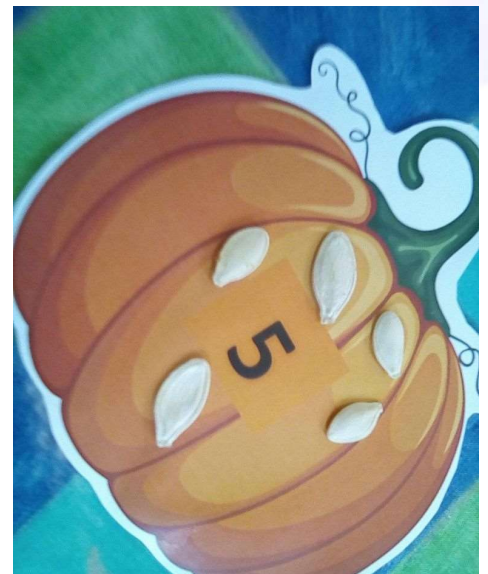


Sunbeams have been discussing all different types of animals. They discovered a birds nest in one of the trees which led to a discussion about what the birds might eat during Autumn and winter time.

The children picked some apples from our orchard, scraped out the inside and scooped bird seed into the apple. Sunbeams hung them up around the nursery grounds and are keeping a close eye out for any birds having a snack.



Sunbeams are discovering Autumn festivals beginning with Harvest time. The children used real vegetables such as sweetcorn, carrots, onions and potatoes to paint and print with. Pumpkin seeds were used to develop maths skills counting out the correct number of seeds to the numeral.





Starlights ...

What an exciting month Starlights have had! All the children have settled very well into Preschool life. They have been learning the 5 Golden Rules of Preschool and developing their independence through activities such as changing shoes, putting on coats, pouring drinks, finding names at self registration and free flow snacktime. They have even been buttering their own tea cakes at tea time!



Mixing paints independently has been very popular this month. The children discussed Autumn colours and what happens when they are mixed together.

Starlights collected apples from the orchard and fallen leaves. They used these alongside paint and glue to create Autumn tree pictures and role played baking with the apples and other ingredients in the tuff tray.



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Coming up in October...



Any donations for our Harvest collection please place in the box within the entrance by Friday 4th October. This will then be given to a local church in Sherburn to be donated to a Leeds charity for the homeless.



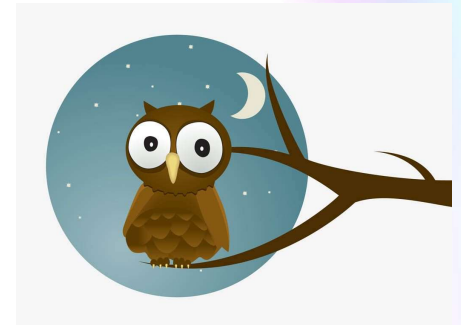
Preschool will be celebrating Halloween!

Please feel free to send your child to nursery in spooky fancy dress all week of the 28th October.



Now that the weather is changing please ensure your child has an appropriate coat, waterproof, wellies, hat and gloves as we still access the outdoor environment. Please clearly label all items with your child's name. For safety reasons do not send these items in plastic carrier bags.

As the evenings will be getting dark early Snowflakes will be discussing nocturnal animals. Sensory investigation will take place through making slime during Halloween!



Starlights will be continuing with Autumn celebrations doing some conker rolling, making scarecrows and also beginning to discuss nocturnal animals.

Sunbeams will be discussing the Hindu festival of light, Diwali. Colours and shapes will be used to design Rangoli patterns.



Junior Club & Holiday Club News...

September has seen us welcome back some of our before and after school children from their 6 weeks summer break, our new reception children look very grown up and super cute in their school uniforms and everyone seems to have settled back into their daily routines. So here is just a snippet at what they have been getting up to this month....



We love junk modelling here in Junior Club, it gives the children a chance to get their creative juices flowing, and literally make whatever they want after a busy day at school, we did seem to have a theme here though which was...MONSTERS!



We had some really effective, creative and scary ones made from lots of different materials.



Continuing with our "junk" theme... who knew that a table full of polystyrene shapes would give such pleasure and entertainment to our children. We had some of them being coloured in, we've had villages and huge castles being built, a multistory car park and an enclosure for the animals.



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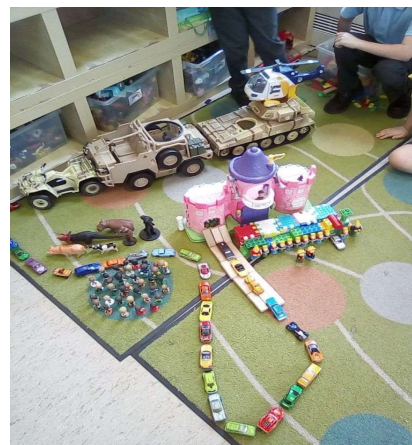


As the 22nd of September was the first day of Autumn and the darker nights are going to draw in soon, Junior Club decided to take on a more autumnal feel to the room and make a start with changing some of the hanging displays. They chose to do paperchain bunting adding leaves to decorate

Once the bunting was made they then went on an exploration nature hunt outside, looking for different sized and shaped leaves so they could do some leaf rubbings to be the decoration to the paper chains. Below is the finished paper chains and i'm sure you will agree on how fantastic they look.



To the right you can see this amazing kingdom 3 of our boys made. They wanted Miss Elcock to take this photo as they were super proud of what they had done, so it was only fair that it was included in this months newsletter. A lot of time and effort went into this and it shows the imagination of our children.



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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.

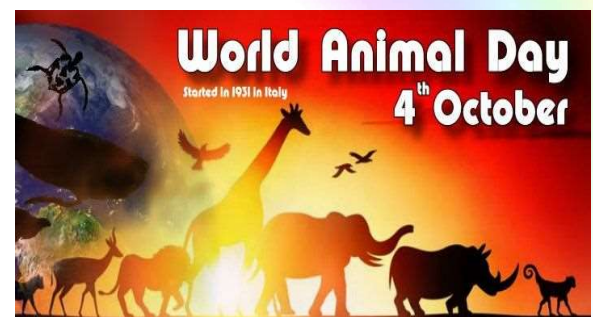
Coming up in October....

3rd of October is National poetry day so we will be seeing if we are like Shakespeare or more of a Keats kind of poet, when we try our hand at writing our own poems.

4th October is world Animal day here is Junior Club we will be looking at all animals weird and wonderful

10th October is World Mental Health Day so we will be looking at our feelings, what makes us happy, sad, the pressures of day to day life, we will be looking at mindfulness and different techniques out there.

October half term is 28th-1st Nov, we have lots of spooktacular activities planned for this week, children can come in fancy dress any day they attend, we are also going to transform our role play area into a haunted house!... Mwahahahaha!!!!



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