

# Rainbow News

## December 2019



### Messages from the office...

Our festive season will officially start on Monday 2nd December with the turning on of the outdoor Christmas Lights. I hope you all enjoy them as much as we do. The staff are also competing with each other for the 'Best Decorated Door' competition - if any parents would like to add their vote please email [holly@rainbownursery.info](mailto:holly@rainbownursery.info) with your favourite before the 13th December. And yes really Miss Craven's first name is Holly!

Many of the staff will be putting away their worktops in favour of Christmas jumpers and tops - so feel free for the children to join them in their festive clothing.

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.

**School admissions** Another deadline is looming applications for NYCC primary school admissions close on 15th January 2020 - Further information can be found on the NYCC website : school admissions

#### 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 us 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.

#### 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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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.



Peter Pan Nursery  
for children and families with additional needs



Registered Charity No. 1162118

## Christmas Fair

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
10am – 1pm

At Peter Pan Nursery, The Bungalow, North Crescent,  
Sherburn in Elmet LS25 6DD



Visit Santa in his grotto



Craft stalls



Tombola



Cakes

Our colleagues at the nearby Peter Pan nursery for children with additional needs are holding a fund raising Christmas Fair tomorrow. Please pop in if you can and help them raise some extra money to continue the good work they do.



### Who to contact?

- **Katie Gordon (Office Manager)** - Invoice Queries, Extras, Funding, New Starters etc - [katie@rainbownursery.info](mailto:katie@rainbownursery.info)
- **Lisa Watson (Nursery Manager/Acting Day Nursery Manager)** - Extras, changes of booking patterns, new starters, tapestry queries, children's development queries - [lisa@rainbownursery.info](mailto:lisa@rainbownursery.info)
- **Holly Craven (Baby Nursery Manager)** - Tapestry queries, children's development queries, questions regarding Baby Nursery [holly@rainbownursery.info](mailto:holly@rainbownursery.info)
- **Kelly Hutton (Preschool Manager)** - Tapestry queries, children's development queries, questions regarding preschool [kelly@rainbownursery.info](mailto:kelly@rainbownursery.info)
- **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](mailto:s.elcock@rainbownursery.info)



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For your entertainment (?!)... a few of the publishable entries in this week's staff Christmas limerick competition!

It's Christmas at Rainbow  
The children waiting for it to snow  
So many Christmas crafts to make  
Gingerbread cooking for biscuits to bake  
It's nearly time for the mulled wine to flow!

Christmas Day is nearly here,  
Let's give the Rainbow staff a massive cheer  
For all of their care and all of their love  
For always going beyond and above  
So raise glass and shout 'here, here'

The Rainbow lights will soon be on  
For us all to see as we drive along  
As Christmas time will soon be here  
For everyone to enjoy and cheer  
So let's gather round the tree and sing our  
favourite Christmas song

Santa will soon be in his sleigh  
Bringing us presents on Christmas day  
We leave a mince pie  
Before he heads back to the sky  
To see him safely on his way

The preschool nativity will soon be here  
We're hoping the mums and dads don't shed a  
tear  
We have practiced for a very long time  
The practitioners all need a big glass of wine  
But it's all worth it when we hear that big  
cheer

There's a nursery to which you should go  
Lots of happy children at Rainbow,  
Now Christmas is near,  
You'll hear them all cheer,  
When Santa says Ho Ho Ho !



From all of us at **Rainbow** to all of you at home...

**Merry  
Christmas**

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## Dates for your diary December

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

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

Day Nursery Christmas Craft Afternoon

**11th December (DN2)**

**12th December (DN1)**

2.00pm-2.45pm

Junior Club Christmas Party - 18th December

Preschool Christmas Party - 19th December

**All invites have now been sent out. If you have not had  
Chance to reply, please do so or if you are missing any  
Information just give us a call.**

Nursery Closed

**25th and 26th December**

**1st January 2020**



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

DEADLINE for applying and renewing eligibility codes is **31st December**. However, we strongly suggest you confirm your eligibility well before this date. Without a valid code you will not be able to claim the additional funding that you might be entitled to.



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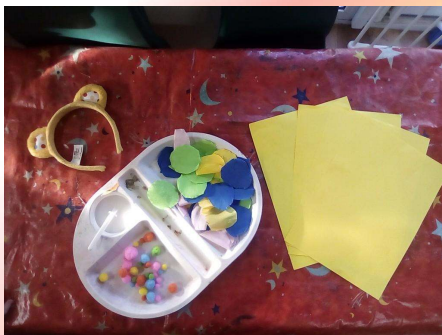
## Baby Nursery News...



Thank you to everyone who donated to raise money for Children in Need!



Baby nursery children had fun making their own Pudsey biscuits and took part in lots of messy play and craft activities!



## Purple Room News...

Over the last few weeks we have been getting ready for santa 🎅 coming!

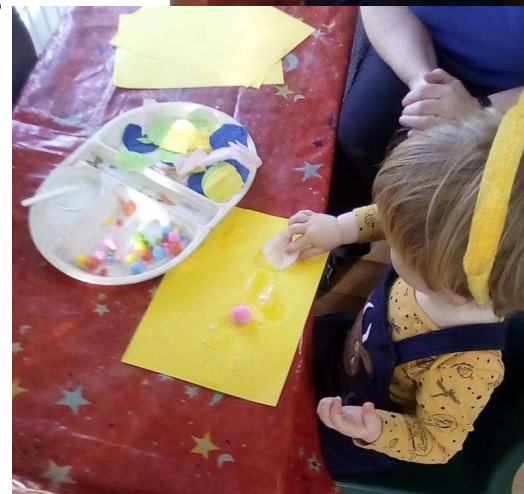
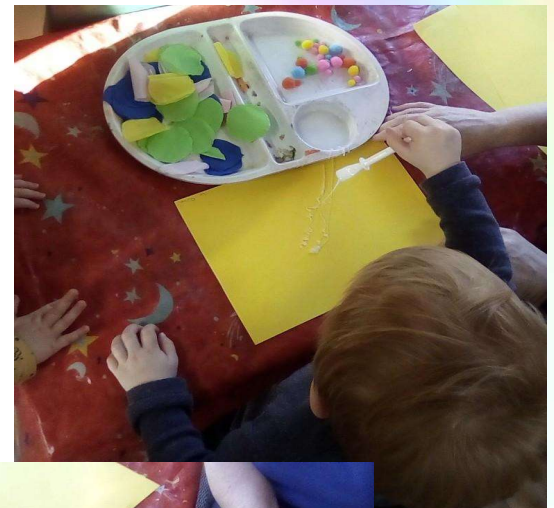
We have been using our concentration skills and our fine motor skills when doing lots of Christmas crafts and getting ready to put our Christmas displays up.

Mrs Elcock has been helping the children to paint some arctic animals and using our communication skills to think about the sounds they make.

Miss Richardson has been working on decorating our class room door ready for the Christmas competition.

Miss Rutter has been working on a Christmas surprise and Miss Connolly has been helping the children learn some new Christmas songs im sure if you ask her nicely she will give you rendition!!!!

Merry Christmas from all in purple



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## Red Room News...

We have been doing lots of different Christmas crafts and the practitioners have kept us busy with our artistic skills! We have enjoyed decorating for our Christmas themed door by placing glue and glitter on paper and making lots of brown handprints but we better not say too much as it's going to be a surprise!



We have also enjoyed looking at pictures on our new family tree, we have identified different people on the pictures and have started to recognise our friends families too, we enjoy being able to see their pictures whilst their busy at work and were having fun together at Rainbow!



We have loved a particular book this month called 'don't wake the bear hare' we have remembered some of the words and recognise different animals in the pages by doing the animal noise or saying what they are.



## Blue Room News...

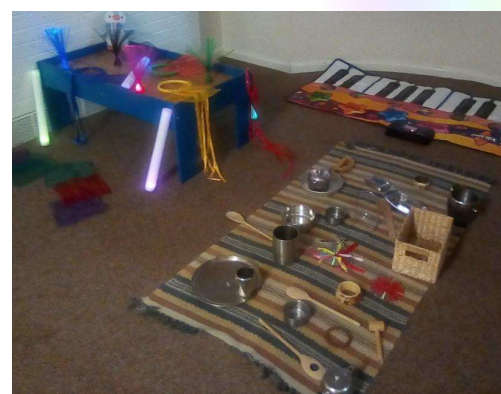
Over the last month we have been very busy, at the start we talked about bonfire night, the colours and noises they made. We even mad our own bonfire out of leaves we found in the garden and we used lots of colours and glitter to create out own fireworks.



We made spotty pictures for children in need and decorated biscuits with yellow icing and spots.

We also made poppy's for remembrance Day and we talked about the colours on the poppy's.

We have started to plan our winter display board and we are going to be making lots of wintery pictures. We will also be starting our Christmas craft with lots of painting, glueing and sticking.



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## Orange Room News...



This month some of our older children began to turn two and some will begin making their transitions to day nursery in the new year so we have been practicing gaining independence in our health and self care. The older children have been working on being more independent within our daily routine and have helped in putting on their shoes and taking coats on and off. The younger children have begun to want to help in tidying up and putting their own bibs and have been showing us how well they can concentrate on new tasks.



🎄👤 We have also begun learning our Christmas nursery rhymes!! The children all sit and listen well and some are beginning to join in with the new actions!



Watch this space as Rainbow Nursery turns into a Winter Wonderland!

Each room will be taking part in a door decorating competition to win a top prize!

We are also creating our very own igloo sensory den in our Activity room 'Grotto'!

Finally, invitations have been sent to everyone for our Baby Nursery Stay and Play sessions. If you would like to attend please let Miss Craven know.

Responses can be sent via tapestry or to Miss Craven at: [holly@rainbownursery.info](mailto:holly@rainbownursery.info)

**DESIGN A DOOR CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE**

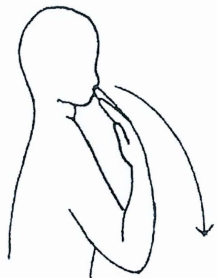
- Doors must still be functional and safe!
- Please keep any window panels in doors 'see-through-ish'
- Judging will take place W/C 9<sup>th</sup> December (by Preschool and Staff)
- The two winners of each vote will be announced on 20th December
- Room prizes up for grabs!

Who 'doors' wins!



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## Day Nursery News...



Please

### Using our 'Please' and 'Thank you's'

We say thank you, we say please  
We say excuse me, when we sneeze  
That's the way, we do what's right  
We have manners, we are polite



thank you

The Day Nursery children have been working really hard on their manners this month, remembering that when the practitioners give us something to say thank you, and when we ask for something to say please. We will continue working on this as part of our Personal, Social and Emotional Development at nursery.

If we can't say the words please and thank you, we can always use the simple makaton signs above, at home you can try this, we always says the word along with the sign to encourage verbal communication where possible.



### Coming up in December.....



We are all super excited for Christmas, there will be lots of Christmas activities taking place in Day Nursery. We will be talking about different colours as we use different resources to create christmas crafts and displays.



We will also be talking about Christmas and about Santa and how we all need to be good boys and girls and go to bed and straight to sleep on Christmas Eve!

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas!!





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## Day Nursery News...



### Day Nursery 1



This month we have been working on our listening and attention skills, we are all getting very good at turning on our listening ears!! We listened very carefully when playing games such as matching pairs and dominos, we also did really good sharing. We listened really well when we used the scissors to cut out our Christmas Stockings



We have done lots of lovely artwork to decorate the classroom, to make our Autumn trees we used a fork dipped in paint to make all our branches.



We again used kitchen item to make our frosty pictures, we dipped a washing up brush in white paint to create frosty marks and then added sparkly glitter.



We continued with our mark making and used different resources to make our pictures, which we proudly displayed within the room.

This month we have enjoyed lots of singing, and dancing games, we particularly enjoy ring a roses and farmers in his den, listen out for our Christmas songs soon !!

We enjoyed getting messy as we made edible sparklers, we threaded marshmallows on to sticks, we then dipped them into melted chocolate and rolled them in sprinkles, yummy!!



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## Day Nursery News...



### Day Nursery 2

We began the month talking about bonfire night. We discussed the importance of bonfire safety and staying close to our families in busy environments. Some of us saw fireworks in the sky so we used bright coloured paint to make our own fireworks display. We used paint brushes to splatter the paint on to black paper-they looked fantastic!



We have spoke lots about winter now the weather is getting colder and started to add pictures to our winter display board. We have used wellies for printing, painted our feet to make penguins and developed our cutting skills to make snowflakes.



There have been lots of fun winter themed messy activities too which led to conversations about frost, and we even had chance to explore this when playing outside and the ground was frosty. The children decided it was cold, wet and like rain!



We have also followed the children's interest in small world activities. We have had lots of different themes in the black tray, our favourite was Jurassic World!



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## Preschool News...

### Snowflakes ....

Miss Child and Mrs Gardener have been setting the children in Snowflakes various challenges.

The challenges are displayed around the classroom and successful achievements have been celebrated by all!



Snowflakes investigated numbers and letters. They used cars to follow roads forming the shape of the numerals and shape of the letters.



Snowflakes joined in with Road Safety Awareness Week. The children discussed how to safely cross the road. They even took it in turns to be the Lollipop person helping each other to cross the car park safely!

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## Sunbeams ...



Sunbeams took part in Road Safety Awareness week by discussing how to cross the car park safely. They decided that everyone should walk and hold hands, looking and listening for danger.

Some children observed a police car at the side of the road. They asked the Police Officer what he was doing and he explained that he was keeping the roads safe. The children decided that cars should drive slowly to be safe, especially around our nursery!



Jack Frost arrived some mornings this month. Sunbeams got wrapped up and went to investigate the frost. They listened to the sound their wellies made walking on the frost “crunchy!” was a word used. They felt the frost with their hands “cold, freezing, soft!” were words used to describe how it felt.

“It looks all sparkly, it’s a bit like Christmas!” was another comment heard!

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## Starlights ...

The outdoor areas have been covered with fallen Autumn leaves. Starlights have enjoyed lots of walks crunching the leaves with their feet and discussing the lovely Autumn colours. The children thoroughly enjoy climbing through the trees in the nursery orchard!



At the beginning of the month Starlights celebrated Bonfire Night! The children created some wonderful firework splatter pictures. They used the pipettes to collect the paint and then squeezed the paint out onto the paper. Fantastic Fireworks Starlights!

Starlights created some paper boats. They followed instructions given to them by Mrs Kissoon and Miss Lightowler, folding the paper in various ways.

The children then took full advantage of the wet weather we have had this month, taking the boats outside onto the playground. They found some big puddles and investigated if their boats could float on the water!



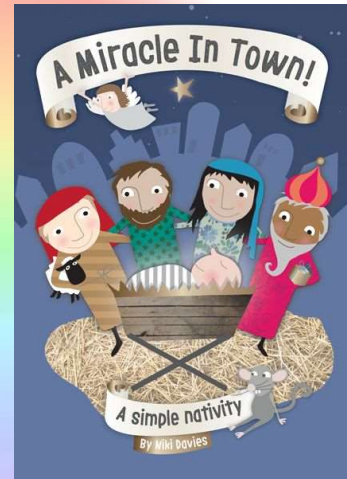
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## Coming up in December...

### **A Miracle In Town!**

The Preschool Nativity performance takes place on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th December. The venue is the Junior club commencing at 1:30pm.



### **Christmas Party!**

The Preschool Christmas party takes place on Thursday 19th December, 12 noon until 2pm. If your child does not attend Rainbow on a Thursday please drop your child off in their classrooms at 11:55am



### **All Preschool rooms will be filling December with lots of festive fun!**

Sunbeams will have a wrapping station where the elves will be helping wrap lot's of presents for Father Christmas to take on his sleigh!

Snowflakes will be catching the Polar Express and seeing what adventures it takes them on!

Starlights will be discussing the Nativity story and making their very own letters to Father Christmas!

### **Junior Club!**

Over the Christmas period Preschool will join together over in the Junior Club on the following dates..  
Tuesday 24th, Friday 27th, Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st December.  
Please drop off and collect your child in Junior Club on these days.

Thank you



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## Junior Club & Holiday Club News...

Junior Club have had such a busy November with lots going on... we started the month with the final day of the school half term...making chocolate apples for Bonfire festivities, firework paintings and planting our own seeds to take home and watch grow. I'm sure you will agree the chocolate apples look scrumptious. They also had a fab morning making this robot from junk modelling, it now has pride of place in Junior club.



Junior Club took part in Road Safety awareness week, they completed these puzzles and challenges, colouring in pictures around the importance of road safety.

Remembrance day was talked about and how important it is to remember everyone involved, they painted these lovely poppy pictures. Also some of our children were attending the church service on the sunday with their local Beavers group.

This month Miss Elcock also worked with some of our over 8's surrounding the issues of bullying and the how it's nice to be nice for Anti Bullying week, they read over statements saying if they thought they were true or false and discussed a typical day at school and any issues they might have and what they can do if they felt they were being bullied.



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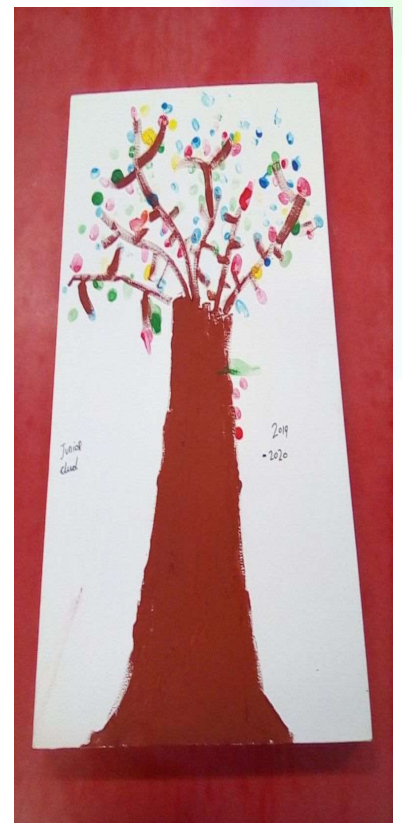


The month has continued to be jam packed with before and after school activities. The room has been transforming their display boards to be that of more wintery scenes and sticking to this year's Winter wonderland they certainly don't disappoint. Amongst them we have a beautiful New York Skyline, an Olaf snowman from Frozen and some flurry polar bears.



We have also been getting into a bit of healthy competitiveness here in Junior Club, as the whole nursery is taking part in a Festive door decorating competition. One of our over 8's became the "chief manager" and a group of them drafted ideas and devised an action plan of what they wanted to do. This will be up on display from the start of next month.

The picture on the right is of our lovely Junior Club tree, all the children who wanted to put their finger prints onto the tree did and these, this will be going on display in our entrance area.





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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.

The Christmas Holidays activity schedule is now out... should you require a session please contact the nursery or email [s.elcock@rainbownursery.info](mailto:s.elcock@rainbownursery.info)

You may notice that the layout is slightly different inside Junior Club and that we do not have our Over 8's area, this is just while Pre school are rehearsing and put on their annual Nativity and we have the Christmas parties, the room will go back to how it normally is once the festive activities have all taken place.

### Coming up in December...

For the month of December we are really getting our festive feels on... we have a whole month of Christmas crafts, Christmas activities, games, music and lots of festive cheer.

9th-13th December: Christmas door competition judging.

16th-20th December: **Christmas party week** with the 18th December being the party day.

