

Rainbow News

January 2020



Messages from the office...

Happy New Year - We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the festivities and have a fantastic New Year

Those due to start school in September 2020 (yes that's this year now!) please remember admissions will close on 15th January 2020 - Further information can be found on the NYCC website.

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

We are now processing the Spring 2020 Funding, no changes will be able to be made after Thursday 9th January, due to headcount. Please contact Katie in the office if you have any amendments to make. If you think you may qualify for 2 year funding please take a look at the NYCC website for application guidelines. If successful please contact harriet@rainbownursery.info to use the funding at Rainbow

We need to stress 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.

Please can we remind parents that Rainbow closes at 6pm. We recognise that winter can create additional traffic issues but there has been a marked increase in late pickups of children. We remind you that we reserve the right to charge for children collected late.

- **Katie Gordon (Office Manager)** - Invoice Queries, Extras, Funding, New Starters etc - katie@rainbownursery.info
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- **Kelly Hutton (Preschool Manager)** - Tapestry queries, children's development queries, questions regarding preschool kelly@rainbownursery.info
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Rainbow Nursery's first 'Decorate a Door' Competition was a success with lots of fantastic entries from all across the nursery... its safe to say it brought out the competitive spirit in our team....



And the Winners were...

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Staff Vote Winner
RED ROOM
with their “Owl be home
for Christmas” door!



Children’s Vote Winner
PURPLE ROOM
with their “Gingerbread
House” door!

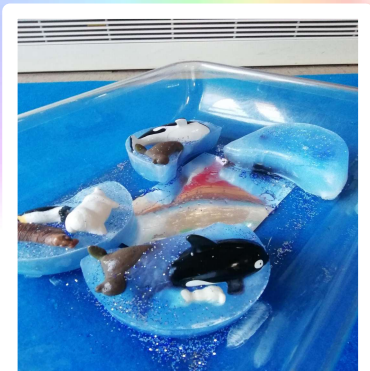
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Baby Nursery News...



Thank you to everyone who came to the Baby Nursery Christmas Stay and Play sessions! We hope you all had as much fun as we did!

We are still finding more glitter and breadcrumbs everywhere!



Please let us know if you have any feedback or suggestions for next year by emailing Miss Craven at holly@rainbownursery.info



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Orange Room News...



The children have had fun getting ready for santa! We've all joined in and learnt the words to some Christmas songs, using our listening and attention skills. We have also enjoyed doing some Christmas crafts, we explored different textures and talked about the colours we used for the pictures to go on the Christmas displays



Purple Room News...

This month we have obviously loved all things Christmas!

We had lots of fun sticking and gluing to make lots of festive crafts. We learned lots of new words relating to Christmas Dinner our favourites were definitely 'pigs in blankets' and 'yule log', yummy!!

We have also had a keen interest in playing with the dolls and dressing them up. We have talked about babies a lot and learned where they grow as Miss Connolly is expecting her very own! The children have a good understanding of knowing where Miss Connolly's baby is and love to point it out!

We would like to take this opportunity congratulate Miss Connolly from the whole of Purple Room and wish her all the best for when she leaves us for Maternity in April.

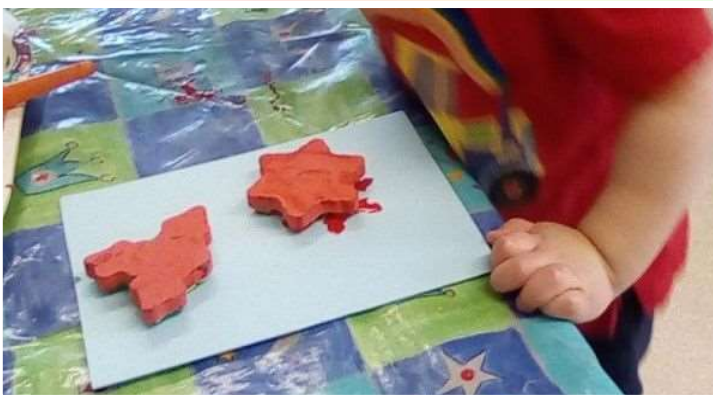


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Red Room News...



This month, we have been using our creative and fine motor skills to stick feathers onto our Winter owls. We made our snowmen pictures and enjoyed using the paint and our gross motor skills to paint our own snowmen. We have been joining in with singing our Christmas songs every day! We also used our hand eye coordination to make our Christmas cards using the Christmas stamps and paint as we talked about the colours and the shapes of the stamps we were using.



Blue Room News...

This month we have been very busy with Christmas craft and decorating the room ready for Christmas with our artwork and lots of decorations.

We have enjoyed lots of painting, glueing and sicking. We enjoyed creating our Christmas door with a giant snowman and we added our own snowflakes to it.

Next month we will be making a winter wonderland display and talking about the weather, exploring the ice and hopefully some snow.



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Day Nursery News...

Christmas Craft Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended the Day Nursery Christmas Craft Afternoon. The children had great fun creating the Christmas decorations and calendars. We hope that you all had a lovely time. Feedback on our events is always welcome so if there is anything that you feel worked well or could be done differently please let us know by emailing lisa@rainbownursery.info



Coming up in January....

Please keep an eye out on Tapestry for your child's Autumn Term Report which will tell you what stage of development your child is currently working at. We will also be posting their new development goals for the Spring term. If you have any feedback or questions regarding these please let us know.

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Day Nursery News...

Day Nursery 1



What a busy time we have had in December, we made lots of wonderful Christmas crafts to fill our folders ready to take home, we made some beautiful wreaths for display using red and green paint and washing up sponges !!

We practiced our cutting skills some more with the scissors by cutting up pictures of food and sticking them onto plates to make our very own Christmas dinners.



We knew that the post men and ladies would be very busy so we thought we would help them. We changed our role play area into a post office and had lots of fun posting our Christmas letters and parcels... It was great fun unwrapping them all too!

We have really enjoyed December learning lots of new Christmas songs and listening to some wonderful stories, we enjoyed having lots of parties as well !! But best of all, we enjoyed making lots and lots of mess with the glitter!!

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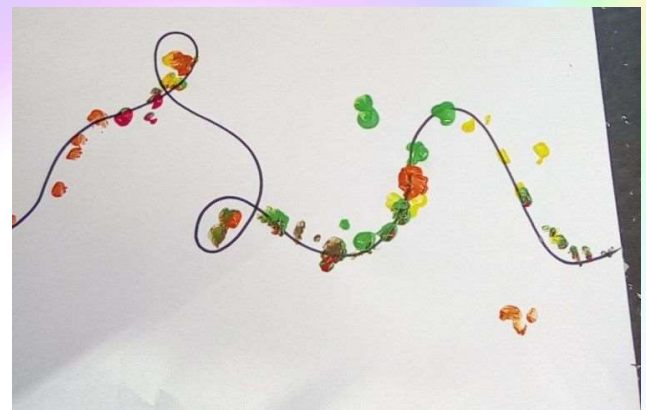


Day Nursery News...

Day Nursery 2

What a busy December it has been! We continued to look at winter and spoke about snow as the weather grew colder. We used our creative skills to paint some brilliant snowmen - unfortunately that's as close as we got to seeing snow! We also saw some beautiful Robin's outside in the garden so we decided to paint our own.

We loved doing some finger painting and creating our own string of lights using all the different colours



Everyone in Day Nursery 2 was very excited for Christmas coming. We spent the build up to the big day reading stories about Santa and his elves and singing festive songs-our favourite been Christmas pudding!

We made Christmas folders and filled them with cards, tree decorations and wonderful pictures to take home and share with our families. Within the nursery we decorated our classroom doors. We helped to choose what would go on our door and helped to make the reindeers for Santa's sleigh. December has been so much fun!



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Preschool News...

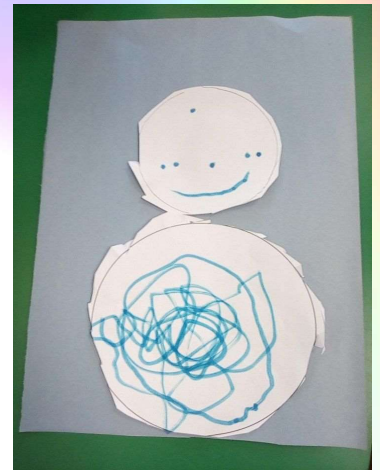
Snowflakes



Snowmen have been a popular theme in Snowflakes this month.

The children investigated white playdough, they developed physical skills by rolling it in their hands to create a large ball and a small ball. They then added features such as eyes, nose and a mouth.

Independent cutting skills were developed as the children cut out various sizes of circles. They then arranged them onto the paper to create a snowman, making marks adding the features.



Snowflakes investigated Brussel sprouts in the tuff tray. What a great Christmassy food to use to develop weighing skills and discussing heavy and light!

The children wrote inside their very own Christmas cards. They formed the letters within the words written independently.

What a lovely way to say Merry Christmas!



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Sunbeams ...



Sunbeams thoroughly enjoyed discussing Christmas and how Father Christmas travels to all of our houses on Christmas Eve.

Portraits of Rudolph were created, the children added all of the features not forgetting Rudolph's big red shiny nose!



The children commented that the best part of the nativity was dressing up in the various costumes. From kings to shepherds to chickens!!
Great fun had by all!



The children thoroughly enjoyed investigating various Christmas decorations in the tuff tray. From shiny tinsel to colourful baubles. The children even helped to decorate the classroom Christmas trees too!

The Christmas Nativity was an amazing success! The Children and practitioners all worked very hard and what a wonderful performance they gave.

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Starlights ...

Starlights created some Christmas wreaths. The children dipped small scrubbing brushes into green paint and then added small red berries using their fingerprints. The wreaths were finished off with a handful of glitter for an added sparkle!



Mrs Kissoon brought some Frankincense into Preschool.

Everyone thought it smelt very nice. Starlights added some drops of Frankincense to their playdough for an extra sensory experience.

Starlights decided that Frankincense was a very nice gift from the three kings and baby Jesus would have really liked the smell too!

Starlights discovered a variety of ways of decorating Christmas trees!

The children have had their very own Christmas tree creating and adding lots of baubles, paper chains and tinsel.

Conkers, shells, corks and cotton wool was used to decorate this tree shape!!



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Nativity 2019!

Well done to all of the preschool children for their excellent Nativity performances. Such confidence was shown and excellent singing was heard, I am sure they are all still singing the songs even now!

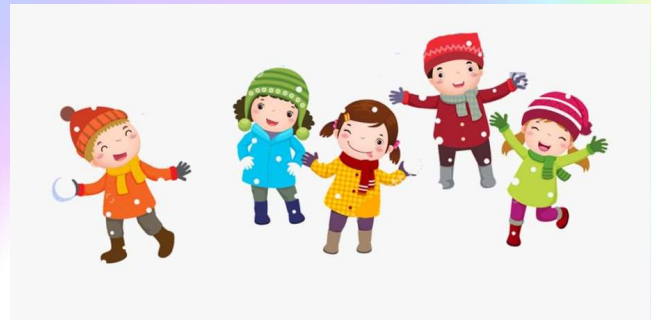
We were all very proud of each and every one of you!

Coming up in January...

Winter Clothing.

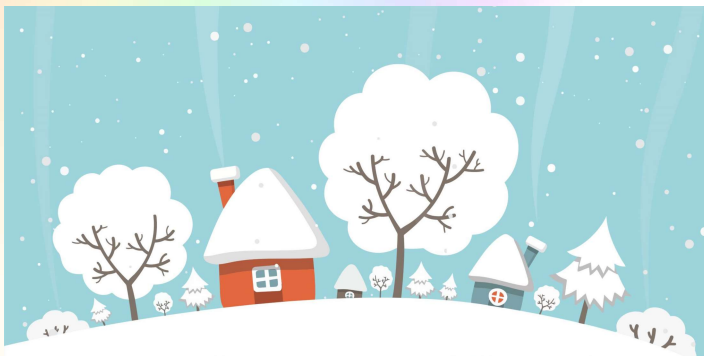
Now that Winter is well and truly upon us, please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather conditions.

Please label all items with your child's name.



Sunbeams will be investigating what happens in Winter discussing cold, ice and melting.

Snowflakes will be reflecting on their Christmas celebrations and discussing the chinese new year which takes place on 25th January



Starlights will be discussing staying healthy, discussing what foods are healthy for us and how exercise helps promote a healthy body.



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Junior Club & Holiday Club News...

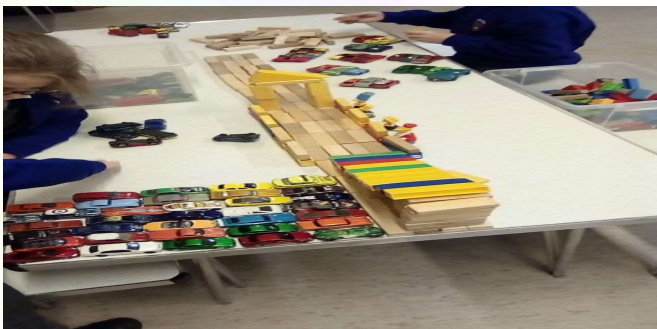
We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Looking back on the month of December... WOW what a busy, exciting month it was, everyone had well truly immersed themselves in all things festive and true Christmas spirit.



The children enjoyed painting some lovely wooden wreaths to take home. They also spent time decorating these fab porcelain decorations for their Christmas trees.

Taking a break for a minute from all things Xmas how cool is this car garage some of our children made, the blocks and the cars are a firm favourite with this group of children



A Dazzling..Decorative December!!

Junior Club became a glistening Winter Wonderland with all the Fantastic displays the children completed the month before, then add the handmade decorations, the lights and the lovely tree and hey presto a Winter Wonderland is created, i'm sure you will agree how nice the room looked.



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Junior Club & Holiday Club News...



As everyone will know the “drawing” table is a firm favourite and busy area for our children at both before and after school sessions. So to keep in with the festive theme they have enjoyed some festive pictures to colour in and some festive word searches. Sometimes they love nothing more than to simply colour in a picture and we love nothing more than seeing their proud faces when they complete them.

The stockings the children decorated were amazing, some very creative and cool looking Elves and Santas.

It's also as you can imagine been glitter galore here in Junior Club, lots of sparkly pictures and also some really nice Christmas cards, there were some lovely written verses in the stories for parents and one child made one for her class and even made the envelope for it to go in.



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Junior Club & Holiday Club News...

The children had a brilliant time at the Junior Club Christmas Party, we had that much fun in fact, we forgot to take any proper photos, always the sign of a good party! We saw some real competitive streaks coming out from a lot of the children and even Miss Richardson who joined us for the party. We had challenges and they all had to work together to see which team would come out on top. The winning team was "Santa's Helpers" who just pipped the other teams to the post. We also had lots of groovers and movers in the room that afternoon and some prizes for best dancers went out.

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 JANUARY...



18th Jan: Winnie the pooh day, so on the Monday 19th we will be doing some crafty Winnie the Pooh activities.

Week comm 19th Jan: We will be looking at all things Chinese New Year, 2020 is the year of the Rat.

25-27 Jan: RSPB BIG BIRDWATCH, we will be seeing what birds and nature we can find in the grounds of Rainbow and talking about the birds we see at home.

