

Tiddly Winks Newsletter

September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our September newsletter, and as always, we would like to welcome our new families who have recently joined us. August has been very busy for us here at Tiddlywinks, as we have been supporting a lot of the children with their transitions into their new learning environments in line with the start of our Autumn term.

We have been enjoying making the most of the summer and the children have had lots of fun exploring the outdoor environment. They have enjoyed watching and helping our tomato plants to grow, being experimental with our water play and creating various different mud creations in the mud kitchen.

The children have lots to look forward to throughout September as we will be celebrating 'World First Aid Day' with a visit from a paramedic, 'talk like a pirate day' and Mawlid al-Nabi.

To find out more, please read on...

All the best

Louise and Georgia

News from around the rooms...

Acorns

During August we have been providing the children with more opportunities to develop their gross motor skills. We have been doing this by creating obstacle courses in the garden using our soft play and the children have loved moving and dancing to the music! We have been exploring a range of sound-makers and instruments, showing attention to the sounds and music they make.

We have enjoyed meeting new families and babies, as we welcome them into our Acorns room.

Little Oaks

Little Oaks have had an enjoyable month exploring their imaginative skills as they have been role playing 'vets.' This involved looking after and caring for different animals. We have also had lots of fun taking part in Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler themed activities! We have particularly loved the Gruffalo and a Squash and a squeeze which are some of our favorites.

Junipers

Throughout August, Junipers have loved getting creative! We have been looking at the effect we have when we mix different coloured paint. We have been exploring the paint using our fingers, paintbrushes and a variety of other tools as we paint our right hand one colour and our left a different before shaking hands to mix them together. This has allowed us to express our ideas and feelings through making marks and giving meanings to the marks that we make! We have also been perfecting our fine motor skills. We made our own playdough and the children adored the process of combining the materials together such as baby oil, salt, flour and water. We have shown great control in using our scissors to cut the playdough into smaller pieces before adding the dinosaurs to create footprints!

Willows

This month we have been showing an interest in the world around us, we have loved planting the seeds and caring for our growing plants. We have been talking about what we see in our environment and have been showing care for the natural world. This has sparked some amazing group discussions about insects and their natural habitat!

Dates for the diary

4th September- Funded term starts

9th October 6:30 pm - School readiness evening for our 2024 pre-school leavers. Please RSVP to the office

Parent messages

Key Fobs- If you have misplaced your Key fob, please may you come to the office to request a new one. This is also a gentle reminder to please not hand your key fob to anyone else who maybe collecting your child. Please ask them to ring the door where they will have their ID checked.

Garden Renovation - We are happy to announce that our main garden will be closed on the 8th & 11th September as our artificial grass is being replaced to kick off the start of our garden renovation!

If you have anything in your house that you no longer would like and feel would make a good contribution towards our mud kitchen please bring them in! Anything small, lightweight, plastic or metal we would love!

Tax Free Childcare - Please be reminded that we accept Tax Free Childcare. This is a great childcare cost saving scheme that we believe many of our families would be eligible for! Please google and check out the eligibility criteria.

Pre-Existing accidents - As a part of our safeguarding duty, we must record all pre-existing accidents and the details surrounding them. Please be prepared to complete an accident form at drop off if your child has had an accident at home.





Staff updates

We are very excited to share with you that **Amelia** has accepted the role of the Assistant Manager (maternity cover) whilst Georgia is on maternity leave. Over the next few months, Amelia will be preparing for her next step as well as continuing her role as the nursery SENCO. Congratulations Amelia!

We are happy to announce that **Chelsea** has now been based in the pre-school room. She is very excited to be joining the Pre-school team and being reunited with some of the children that she looked after in Junipers.

Dish of the month - Sausage and White Bean Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 red or yellow pepper, deseeded and cut into chunks
 - 2 carrots, cut into thick slices
 - 2 red onions, cut into wedges
 - 8 chipolatas, cut into thirds
 - 400g can peeled cherry tomatoes
 - 400g can white beans, drained
 - 200ml low-salt chicken stock
 - 2 tsp Dijon mustard
 - 100g frozen peas
- Ppotatoes, pasta or rice, to serve



Method:

- 1) Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7.
- 2) Roast the pepper, carrots and onion in a deep baking dish for 15 mins.
- 3) Add the sausages and roast for a further 10 mins.
- 4) Reduce oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6, tip in the tomatoes and beans, then stir in the stock.
- 5) Cook for another 35 mins. Stir in the mustard and peas and return to the oven for 5 mins.
- 6) Rest for 10 mins, then serve with potatoes, pasta or rice.

DSL - Your nursery Designated Safeguarding Lead's are Louise and Georgia. We would like to share with you our confidential email address to forward any safeguarding concerns you may have - dsl@tiddly-winks-nursery.co.uk

Policy of the month

Our policy folder is available in the front entrance for all parents and visitors to look through.

In addition, this month, we will be refreshing ourselves with our 'Food' policy which is attached to this newsletter.

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