

Astwick Newsletter

November 2023



Nursery Updates:

Throughout October-

- The nursery had its 4th Birthday! For this we celebrated in the rooms and had mini parties.
- We welcomed Deni to the team! Deni is level 2 qualified and working in the under 2's rooms.
- Chelsea gave birth to her baby boy. She would like to introduce you all to baby Hugo :)
- We raised money for breast cancer awareness and ended up with a total of £193
- Our Pumpkin patch looked fantastic and it was so nice to see all your creative designs!

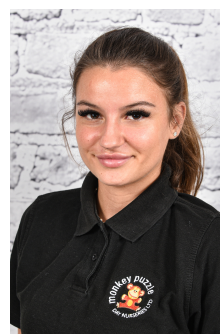
Throughout November-

- We will be raising money for children in need! For this we will be following their theme of spots and coming in wearing something spotty on the 17th November. We will be kindly asking for £1 donation per child to wear something spotty and this will go to the charity. There will be lots of creative activities throughout the rooms.
- We would love for you to share with us any pictures of fireworks night events that you attend. The staff can then use these in group activities and allow the children to communicate about their experience.

Fees

As we have so many new parents at the nursery, this is just a polite reminder that fees are due on 1st of each month.

We are aware that tax free childcare payments can take a couple of days to get to us, we ask that you try and transfer these before the 1st to ensure they are in our bank on time but will give leeway by a couple of days due to this for these payments. Any payments not received by the 7th of each month will receive a reminder and may then incur a late payment charge.



Deni



We continue to strive to give your child the best experience at nursery. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send us an email/give us a call!

If you and your children are having a positive nursery experience please support us by leaving a review on Facebook, Google or DayNurseries.co.uk. These are really valued by us and give us feedback on what we are doing well.

Take a look at what the rooms have been up to:



Over Two's

Please send over any interests your child has at home, along with some beautiful pictures and we can plan some special activities for them throughout the month!

(3-5years)

Bluebells

In the month of October the children have really enjoyed exploring different autumnal activities and getting ready for the big event - Halloween!

They have really enjoyed spending lots of time on different walks exploring the natural materials to use to make Halloween themed items. One of their favourite things has been to make different magical potions in the cauldrons. Using sticks to mix the magic up, adding leaves, mud, water and different coloured glitters. Another one being witches broomsticks using sticks and leaves. They have been making decorations for the room which have included spiders with funky bendy legs, monsters and ghosts with cotton wool.

Whilst the children have also been enjoying walks and various forest school sessions they have enjoyed visiting the fish at the pond, jumping in muddy puddles, riding down the mudslides, digging for worms and insects, making a large mud painting on a canvas and making autumn crowns.

Along with these lovely activities that the children have enjoyed we have also had a few events that we have celebrated. We have celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness day, playing with lots of pink themed activities - pink water, playdough and sticky icky gloop!

The children also welcomed their Grandparents for a stay and play and their Parents for a Forest School session where they all had a go at making a little fire. Using the flint very safely to make sparks.

Not only have we had a busy month of visits we have explored Space during Space Week. The children enjoyed making different rice cake planets, exploring a space water tray, making their own solar system and forming different plants out of space themed playdough.

Just a reminder that as the weather is getting colder please do bring in a woolly named hat and thick coats as we still like to take the children on walks when the weather is cold, making sure they are all wrapped up!



(2-3 years)

Lilies

Lilies have had a very busy throughout October, exploring all things Autumn! This month we have gone on scavenger hunt around the field, as well as going up the track conker picking.

Lilies have enjoyed discovering pumpkins, as we scooped out the inside and felt the different textures. We even made pumpkin play dough using the seeds and pulp from inside of a pumpkin. We have also made pumpkin Rice Krispie cakes and explored a pumpkin sensory rice tuff tray too.

Lilies have really enjoyed potion making and learning how to make slime too. We have been mixing together different ingredients inside their cauldrons to see what we can make.

Lilies have explored Halloween and different activities relating this too. A few of the activity's we have taken part in are: looking at scarecrows and ghosts, potion making and carving pumpkins. Lilies also loved soup making with autumnal vegetables. During this we read the story of pumpkin soap and tried to recreate our own through play.

This month they have taken a big interest in rainbows, especially with the rainy weather we have had! What a busy month Lilies have had during October.

During November we are very excited to explore the events that are occurring, especially Bonfire night, remembrance day, Diwali, children in need and many more. We have many activities in store for Lilies that we cannot wait to share them with you!



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(15 months - 2years)

Daisies

This month the Daisies room have had lots of fun exploring our autumnal activities and tuff trays!

We have been on some walks around the farm to collect the different coloured leaves and plants from this season, as well as visiting our very own (self made) pumpkin patch to collect the pumpkins and bring them back to nursery.

The children have really enjoyed our Halloween tuff trays with a mixture of mixing spells in our pumpkin caldrons, Halloween figures in jelly and gloop, pumpkin decorating, potion making and many more! We love getting messy!

We also had our Halloween stay and play which was lovely for the parents to get involved with and join in with some of our Halloween activities this month.

The weather has been on our side this month which has helped us spend more time in the garden before winter arrives. We have been to see the sheep, taken walks out in the buggy to find some conker's and spent lots of time in our garden. The children really enjoyed joining in with our garden team building activities, allowing them to support and share things

with each other to get the outcome needed!

This month we have lots of nursery celebrations to take part in from fireworks night to children in need. There will be lots of activities for the children to engage in and learn about these events.

If you go to see any fireworks, we would love to see some photos of the children experiencing this :)



(3 -15 months)

Tulips

We have had a great month in Tulips throughout October. We have enjoyed lots of different activities!

With the weather slowly changing, we had some Autumn tuff trays to explore. Some of these consisted of natural resources such as leaves, sticks and sand. We also made a gardening tuff tray where we explored the different ways to make mud hand prints, paint flowers and fill up plant pots.

With Halloween this month, we enjoyed exploring and experiencing some great spooky activities. Some of our tuff trays were full of hay and pumpkins. Others were filled with leaves and felt pumpkins. We were able to create new shapes with objects and make marks with the messy play mixed in with it all.

We have also been busy mark marking and exploring our different senses.

The children loved creating pumpkin shapes with many different tools and craft. Some of the tools used were cut up apples, used to print orange paint onto paper and leave a pumpkin effect. The children loved using their hands and the different brushes to move the paint around. For our autumn trees, we used our fingers to print different Autumn coloured paints onto a drawn out tree and make our own tulips tree.

This month we also had a mini celebration as the nursery turned four! We enjoyed singing and dancing for our party in the room.



Friendly reminders and upcoming events



Parent Observations Parent/home observations are a great tool for us to be able to see your child's interests at home. It is also lovely to see the things that they are achieving whilst with you!

To add an observation for the key worker to see it :

- Go to journey - Go to new - New observation

It should then pop up as a parent observation on the screen and you can add your observation along with photos and videos by clicking the camera icon. It would also be great if you could share your input into our home activities by uploading photos of your child completing these at home.

New starters:

Please can all new families make sure you have returned your registration forms to us along with a copy of your child's birth certificate and bring their red book with you to their first settle. If you have any questions about your child's room, the way we plan, assessments and more please do not hesitate to contact us by giving us a call!

Guy Fawkes Night - 5th Nov 2023

When the British celebrate the Gunpowder Plot conspirators failure to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Also known as Bonfire Night or Fireworks Night. It is celebrated with fireworks and the burning of an effigy on a bonfire, known as a Guy.

The children will be learning all about fireworks and the different colours we can see during a display.

Remembrance Day - 11th Nov 2023

The day when we remember those members of the armed forces who gave their lives in conflict. The date was chosen to commemorate the end of hostilities of the First World War on 11th November 1918.

The children will be learning all about remembrance day and its importance, as well as participating in some beautiful tuff trays.

Diwali - 12th Nov 2023

Diwali is the Hindu festival of Lights, which is celebrated with fireworks, dancing, music, the decoration of homes and feasting. The most important aspect is decorating with lights, especially the traditional Diwali candles. We will be teaching the children about the celebration during this period of time, creating some beautiful decorations and dancing to some festive music.

Autumn/Winter:

As we slowly approach the colder weather, we ask that you start to plan ahead for your child's day at nursery. We will start to need wellies for our walks (if they are not already at nursery) and a thicker coat. Please make sure there are enough changes of clothes in your child's bag so we can change them when needed.

Clothing:

Please can you make sure all clothing items are labelled with your child's name or initials so we can make sure they are returned to the correct family at the end of each session.

World Kindness Day - 13th Nov 2023

A day to celebrate and promote kindness in all its forms, and to appreciate the positive benefits of kindness to health, overall wellbeing, community, nature and the environment.

We will be teaching and talking to the children about acts of kindness and what acts of kindness makes them happy when their peers are kind to them.

Children In Need - 17th Nov 2023

The BBC's annual fundraising day which raises moneys for children's charities across the UK, fund local charities and projects who help remove the barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive.

Road Safety Week - 19th Nov to 25th Nov 2023

The campaign aims to inspire thousands of schools, organisations and communities to take action on road safety and to promote life-saving messages.

All the rooms will be providing activities based around road safety and how should cross the roads with the support from an adult.

St. Andrew's Day - 30th Nov 2023

This is the annual celebration of the patron saint of Scotland, St. Andrew. While it is not a national holiday, it is usually celebrated with traditional Scottish food, music and culture.

We will be learning about this Scottish celebration and dancing to some Scottish music!

Thank you



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