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## Welcome!

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well. We are close to reaching the end of term and we have been very busy exploring and experimenting with new activities! We are getting ready for our Christmas Celebrations and are looking forward to inviting you in to our settings to experience nursery life with us while also spreading some Christmas cheer! I have attached some fun activities for you to try at home over the Christmas break. We want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2023!

Kind regards,  
Lisa Kearne  
Business Services Manager

## Reading Time!



This month the babies have been taking part in a lot of independent reading and reading with the staff, this is good for the babies development as it's teaching them to become familiar with new words and phrases. The concept of looking at an image and then reading a word describing the given image is good for the babies personal development. Also turning the pages of the book kicks in their fine motor skills which babies begin using as soon as they are born, this is good for them because they are becoming faster and getting used to doing everyday activities.

## Decorating cookies!



This month the preschool decorated their own cookies and got to take them home or eat them, they got to use different colours to paint their cookies and decorate them however they liked, this is another way for the children to express themselves through art. They really enjoyed making their own snack. It also gives the kids a chance to use both their hands in a coordinated way so that they can design whatever they want and they get to be independent and make choices themselves.



## Remembrance Day Art!



The toddlers have done activities based around Remembrance Day, they were able to do their own individual art pieces using paint, this is good because they can get used to the texture and familiarise themselves with the different colours that they are using, they were able to ask questions and talk about their opinions based on what they know.

## Children In Need!



The children have done some different activities based on children in need, the toddlers all got together and we're able to draw on a huge piece of paper, this is good because it teaches them the concept of sharing, it allows them to communicate with each other and they are also able to express themselves through art, this is good for their personal and social development.

## Sensory play!



This month the toddlers enjoyed sensory play by exploring what cornflour with water feels like, this is good for their sensory development because it encourages them to learn through exploration, curiosity, problem solving and creativity.

### Labelling Personal Items

Can all parents / guardians and carers please ensure that all personal items are labelled with your child's name. We have lots of children in and out every day and do not want to mix their belongings up.

### Nursery Information

Can all parents / guardians and carers please ensure your child has a water bottle and appropriate clothing on warmer days, i.e. sun hat. Sun cream can be applied at the setting if provided.



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This is just a reminder for parents that if your child requires Calpol or any other over the counter medication for general illnesses, they are not allowed to attend nursery. Please ensure you communicate with the nursery if your child will not be attending.