

Newsletter - October 2023

I would like to start this newsletter with some very exciting news! Sarah has announced that she is pregnant with not just one baby but twins!! We are all over the moon to hear this wonderful news and I'm sure you will all join me in sending her huge congratulations. Sophie has agreed to reprise her role as Deputy Manager whilst Sarah is on maternity leave. We are also looking at employing a new member of staff as maternity cover to support our everexpanding setting!

Forest School

I'm sure you will all agree that Forest School has been a great success so far and we are extremely lucky to be able to offer this experience to the Orchard children. The children are learning their new forest school rules and have enjoyed exploring their forest school environment. As the term progresses the children will have opportunities to work with tools and toast more things on the fire which they are really looking forward too. Please make sure as the weather becomes colder that the children have plenty of warm clothes to wear and they will also need hats and gloves too.

Tiny Talk Baby Signing

Recently the staff have been given the opportunity to take part in 'Tiny Talk Baby Signing' which supports babies and children to be able to communicate before they've learnt to talk. Tiny talk allows the staff to teach signs with speech, showing our babies and young children how to make the signs and how to say the words. The staff are using these new signs within their rooms to support our children. As a team we feel this is a great opportunity to enhance our provision and support our children's speech and language development. If you would like some more information about 'Tiny Talk' then please do speak to a member of staff.



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Willows Room

Over the last few weeks Sophie, Sarah and Sam have had some new recruits starting in the Willows room! They have really enjoyed getting to know their new key children and beginning their Little Bo Peep journey. It is so important to the staff that they build those all-important relationships with the children to ensure they feel safe and settled in their new environment. They have also been carrying out lots of baby yoga and sensory activities which supports their health and wellbeing. The children are loving taking part in these new activities.

Meadows

Hev, Amy and Liz have been really busy in the Meadows room. This half term they have been concentrating on the children's Physical development, so they have been creating lots of climbing and balancing activities for the children to enjoy. The children have had a great time balancing on the beams and using the climbing equipment to strengthen their core muscles.

Ofsted recently announced that due to the covid pandemic children's Speech and Language communication was also an area which Early Years settings needed to support. The staff have provided the children with lots of opportunities to enhance their development by using song bags, stories and their daily chatter matters activity.

Orchards

Lisa, Jodie and Rachel have been super busy with the Orchard children. As well as our fabulous forest school sessions they have also continued to talk about their feelings and emotions using resources such as the 'Colour Monster' story to support. The children are becoming more familiar with how they are feeling and are using our prompts to help share their feelings. The staff have also introduced a story of the month, this month's story is 'Dear Zoo' which the children have really enjoyed. They have been really creative making the animals for our display board and they have also loved exploring the 'Dear Zoo' tuff tray.



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Any other Information

- **31**st **October** Halloween Dressing up. For our Orchard children this is also a Forest School day so please make sure they have warm clothing to go underneath their puddle suits.
- Our Preschool and Fun Club support a local children's cancer charity called 'The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer trust'. We try and do as much fundraising as we can for this fantastic charity. Each Christmas we sell their Christmas cards with all proceeds going to the charity. Below are the cards you can purchase and the prices per pack. If you are interested in buying the Christmas cards, please speak to a member of staff.



As always, if you have any questions please shout Best Wishes Claire, Sarah and the Team