



Newsletter



October/November/December 2017



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We would like to say a very **BIG THANKYOU** to everyone who brought in items for our **HARVEST COLLECTION** which took place during the month of October. We were so overwhelmed with the response we had, as too were the volunteers who came in to collect the produce for the People's Pantry. The boxes were so full and so heavy we had to make a production line leading out of the nursery loading the items into the awaiting vehicle. Well done to the Nursery children who decorated the boxes too—they were very autumnal! We received a beautiful framed certificate from the Alice Charity/People's Pantry for our collection which is located in our hallway, and this certificate not only belongs to us, it belongs to you too for your kindness. The vulnerable families in the area who need support will certainly receive plenty of wonderful food packages this year.

MEET THE TEAM:-



We are delighted to welcome two new fabulous Modern Apprentices to our Nursery childcare team:- Charlie Egan and Toni Groom. Charlie and Toni

are both studying Children & Young Peoples Workforce Levels 2 and 3 respectively. Having now settled into our homely environment and getting to know the children both apprentices have shown just how much they want to work in the childcare sector. By giving lots of cuddles and displaying their loving and caring natures they are certainly a hit with everyone here!

'GOOD-BYE' TO JENNY, HELLO TO HANNAH:-

As Richard mentioned in his recent Newsletter our Nursery cook, Jenny Broad will be retiring at the end of December 2017. We are all going to miss Jenny so much and would like to thank her for everything she's done here at the Nursery, not only for the children, but staff parties and special occasions! We have however, been so lucky to have recruited another lovely and talented cook—Hannah Hallam. We will include more details of Hannah in our first newsletter of 2018!

A VISIT FROM BEE-ACTIVE NOVEMBER 2017

Bee-Active are a local company who work with schools and nurseries in the area. It is their mission to encourage and promote physical education in young children, in a fun way. Our Pre-school and Seniors groups really did enjoy their session with Tim and Jake from Bee-Active which took place in our spacious garden. From being very sporty, noisy dinosaurs (like Skipasaurus), to using car registration plates as bats to dribble balls, to being pirates who had to run and collect treasure and then finally playing a special game of tag—Frozen style, the children certainly burned off lots of energy as well as having fun!

LOOK AT OUR BEAUTIFUL SNOWY GARDEN!



The Nursery will close at 6pm on

Thursday 21st December 2017 and will re-open
on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 7.00am.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry
Christmas and Happy New Year! Lots of love
from all the staff at The Lyme Nursery.

PHOTOGRAPHS

This year we invited the lovely Emma Wignall photographer into our Nursery as well as our traditional bi-annual local photographer Paolo Loras. We would love to hear your thoughts with regard to the different type and style of photographs taken. Please do e-mail in and share with us your feedback.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our fabulous PARENTS EVENING back in November, the turn out was amazing. We also appreciate all of your lovely comments—here's a few of what we received:-

"Our son has come on leaps and bounds since starting at the Nursery; we are thrilled with every part of the nursery set up. We already feel a part of the Nursery community and we've only been coming for 5 weeks. It is such a relief to know our son is in such good hands when we are at work." "All staff are amazing and we couldn't be happier!" "I think Nursery is superb. Staff are very caring and professional, always friendly and make time to chat/give feedback every day." "We are so pleased with the high standard of care given to our daughter. The team are always warm and welcoming; this has been reflected in the smooth and quick transition for her into your setting. Thank you so much for the care you provide. We feel safe in the knowledge she is happy, safe and loved while we work." "I would highly recommend this Nursery (and I have done!) The staff are excellent, the continuity of staff, their friendliness is excellent and we are very happy here." "It really is a home from home." "My son really enjoys his time at Nursery, always telling me little stories about his day. He loves all the girls and always talks about them at home." "Very happy with all the staff and the care and attention that my son receives. I always find staff are very open and helpful."

Government Funding—Spring Term 2018

Non-funded weeks (for 15 hours per week):-
w/c 01.01.18 and w/c 19.02.18.

Non-funded weeks (for 12 hours per week):-
w/c 01.01.2018.

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Thank you to everyone who supported and joined in with our Children in Need funday and sweepstake in November. It's always fun to come along to Nursery in your pyjamas, play games, make hats and have a picnic tea! Well done to Josh from the Seniors group who won on the sweepstake and thank you to everyone who donated. We managed to raise £34.00 for the amazing charity. Since our last Newsletter we also collected in all of the money for Jeans for Genes and donated a fantastic £109.00. This year we have raised nearly £500.00 for five different charities. Thank you so much to everyone!

Our Achievement Tree in the porch area is flourishing! There are so many achievements which is great to see. Well done to all of the children for making such great progress with everything that you do, whether it be talking, walking, using the potty or trying new foods! We know this last one can be particularly "testing" for parents. We often hear that the children can eat everything here at Nursery ... twice! Curry, vegetables, hummus, fish and yet at home they refuse to eat anything of the sort! Please be rest assured, this is common and their taste buds soon adjust!

DANCE DANCE DANCE

The children are continuing to enjoy their dance class with Ruth and Melody Bear from the Jill Clewes Performing Arts Academy. We rotate the classes each week so that all the different groups have the chance to take part at a level which is targeted for their age group. Tiddlers have their own session, then it's the turn for the Toddler and Junior groups and finally the Pre-school and Seniors. Ruth always finishes off each class by giving everyone one of her special stickers and all the children are very proud of themselves!



All of the new babies have now settled in really well in the **BABY** group. It's lovely to see them reaching out to the staff for cuddles when they arrive each morning. There is such a warm and cosy feeling in the baby room as the staff have created cosy areas, soft lighting and the small sensory tent is a lovely little haven where the babies can just chill out and play. Halloween funday was a great day for the babies to get messy. Dressed up in their super duper Halloween costumes they had lots of textured play using squidgy pumpkin seeds—squeeze, squelch, squeeze, squelch! Using empty toilet rolls the group also created some lovely paintings for their Bonfire Night wall display! They've also been getting very clever with the bingo dabbers, especially colouring in pictures of Pudsey Bear when it was Children in Need. We are really looking forward to having more new babies starting in January, it's certainly a very busy group, but as we see it, the more babies we have, the more cuddles we have, and we are very good at giving cuddles! As we are so good, we won Room of the Month in November and displayed our certificate on the door with pride! Vicky, Hollie, Natalie, Anabelle, Archie, Arthur, Connie, Frankie, Isabelle, Jacob, Lucia, Maisie, Sofia, Sophia and Troy would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The smallest fish can tell the tallest tales ... "Sorry I'm late Miss, I set off really early but on the way to school I was captured by a squid. I wriggled and struggled till a turtle came and rescued me". "Oh no he didn't!". "Oh Yes he did!" The **TIDDLER** group have absolutely loved the story of TIDDLER, by the amazing author Julia Donaldson. They've loved the rhyming and the repetitive lines of "Oh no he didn't—Oh yes he did". Molly and Maria love reading to the Tiddler group and watching their reactions to the stories that are told. Tiddlers also enjoy tuff spot play, especially when they have been outside to collect lots and lots and lots of leaves! As you can see from the pictures, the fun they had sitting in the leaves and then throwing them in the air .. what more fun can you have! Merry Christmas to all from Molly, Maria, Charlie, Elizabeth, Erith, Ezra, Georgiana, Haris, James, Leo, Lilly-Rose, Max, Mia, Norah, Oliver, Oscar, Penny, Persephone and Savannah. xxx



In our last Newsletter we mentioned that our **TODDLERS** current theme was 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. During October they took part in a week of fun food tasting, sampling all of the different types of food from the story. Their favourites were most definitely the cake and ice-cream cone and their least favourite was certainly the gherkin! Halloween funday was also another enjoyable day, carving out and decorating the class pumpkin as well as lots of messy green jelly play! We made a Fireworks and Bonfire night presentation decorating the wall with lots of paintings and pictures before changing this to our new Winter theme wall. Also from 1st December we've been counting down to Christmas, singing lots of Christmas songs and making special cards for our Mums and Dads. When the snow came down, we couldn't wait to get outside to play! "Snow" way a bit of cold weather would stop us from going outside! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, lots of love from Leanne, Abie, Amelia, Ammaar, Archie, Billy, Charlie, Ella, Esme, Harper, Harrison, Harvey, Hattie, Henry, Parker, Joshua, Jude, Logan, Murphy, Nathaniel, Patrick, and Phoebe.





Nic, Georgia, Aliasha, Barclay, Chloe, Edith, Edward, Ella, Evelyn, Ffion, Frank, Leighton, Mason, Oliver, Patrick, Poppy and Seth from the **JUNIORS** group would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Over the past few months the group have had so much fun indoors as well as lots of outside play, especially when they took the babies out for a walk around the garden! When it was Children in Need they loved decorating their Pudsey hats and wearing them for the picnic tea! They have also become very independent, occasionally buttering their own bread at tea-time and chopping up bananas very, very carefully. As you can see from the photo's we made sure we made the most of our garden when it snowed recently. Who can beat making snow angels ... not us ... go Juniors go! We also won 'Room of the Month' for December! Well done Juniors!



Back in October when it was the Halloween funday the **PRE-SCHOOL** Children certainly had a good day. Not only did they enjoy playing musical statues, and other party games they loved turning the staff into mummies using lots and lots of toilet roll. They also made their own version of mud pies using chocolate mousse and orio biscuits. When the weather has been slightly rainy and unfit to play outside Pre-school brought some of the smaller slides inside, into their classroom. Who says that you have to go down the slide feet first—not Pre-school! We have also continued to expand our maths knowledge using the coloured sorting bears, placing the required amount on each coloured plate, adding and subtracting as we go. Finally the children enjoyed our Pirate theme, creating their own treasure maps and practising our name writing on our own paper "lost bottle". Jade, Chelsea, Anisha, Arthur, Atticus, Daniel, Ephram, Esme, Harry, Henry, Holly, Jackson, James, Mollie, Poppy-Bella, Poppy W, Rex, Scarlett and Stanley would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happre-school New Year!



Adios Silvia! Unfortunately we had to say a sad good-bye to Silvia back in October who left to go back to Spain, however the **SENIORS** group have continued to work hard in their classroom creating some fantastic displays, practising their handwriting, learning new high frequency words and improving their ICT skills. As you can imagine, from December 1st the excitement levels have certainly increased throughout the Nursery and we think that the Seniors group have won the prize for the most excited children of them all! The children loved decorating their new tree, taking care to place each bauble exactly where they wanted it to go! They've also chosen their own Christmas songs and certainly loved singing them at the top of their voices! One highlight for Seniors recently was when they were chosen to sort out the Christmas card Post Box. With guidance from Nic Hill the children helped each other to read the envelopes and make different piles of cards for each room. It was then time to go and play Postman Pat around the house! The office had a lovely surprise when the group appeared with lots of cards to give out! Kelly, Nic, Billie, Alfie, Charlie, Douglas, Evanna, Joshua, Lydia, Megan, Oliver, Olivia and Rosa wish everyone an amazing Christmas!

