



NEWSLETTER

We would like to welcome all of the new children and families who have joined us in September. As we have been back a few weeks, many of the children are settling in well. They are building relationships and friendships with the practitioners and children and are settling into their new rooms and getting to know the routines.

Baby Room



As there have been a number of new starters within the Baby Room, we have very

much been working on relationships with the children. They have been getting to know each other, and explore the surroundings of the room.

Practitioners have been planning and providing activities for a number of the children as they become more confident in their physical abilities. We are very excited to have some of the children taking their first steps, crawling and sitting unaided.



The malleable area has been a hive of excitement as the children have been helping to make their very own play dough. After adding flour water and salt into the bowl it was mixed together and finally ready to play with. The children have used tools to make marks, scoops for pouring and rollers to manipulate the dough in a range of different ways.



Turn taking, sharing and counting was a focus outside as the children counted and stood the skittles up. This took a lot of skill and determination as with the slightest knock, they fell down again. Once all of the skittles were stood up, the children used their large motor skills, either throwing or rolling the ball to knock them over. Waiting with great anticipation to see who would get the most skittles knocked over. The children enjoyed giving each other praise through high fives and applause.

2's Room



After the Autumn walk, the children have enjoyed further exploring nature through sensory trays, touching and feeling the different items. This has allowed for the introduction of new descriptive words such as 'spiky' and 'shiny'. We also had the children using lots of mathematical language such as big, small, gigantic and round.

Once the children explored the natural materials, they then used these for creating some marvellous masterpieces by conker rolling, leaf printing, and creating conker caterpillars by threading and creating with them.



Marvellous Me

Thank you to those parents who supported their children in providing 5 small items of importance. These items were fantastic in supporting the children to find out more about each other, and encouraging language and discussions. The children have also been using mirrors to look at themselves, and what makes them the same and different to other children. This includes eye/hair colours. This was then extended by encouraging the children to paint portraits of themselves.

Pre-School

The children have been busy using their imagination as they turn into space explorers. They have been building rockets and discussing planets,





Swimming

The children attending swimming lessons are making great progress and developing in confidence each week.

We would like to thank parents for arriving promptly by 8am each week. Due to local roadworks we are unable to wait any later so that the children can be changed and ready to be in the pool at 9am.

Autumn Walk

After discussions with the children about the changing of seasons and weather, the practitioners planned an Autumn walk with the children. We took a walk around the local community, talking about the weather, leaf colours etc.

The children were amazed when we came across a conker tree. They hunted high and low for the conkers, there were competitions as to who could find the most, biggest and spikiest. This provided lots of opportunity for discussions using mathematical language and concepts.



Clothing

May we politely ask that each child within the nursery has a bag provided with a spare set of clothes. We are accessing the outdoors and even with wet suits and

wellingtons, some of the children need changing, which causes our nursery supplies to run very low.

THANK YOU for your Macmillan support!

We would like to thank all of the staff for providing such a wonderful array of delicious cakes and treats for the Macmillan Coffee Morning and fundraiser.

Thank you to all of the families who supported this amazing cause by making donations and purchasing the cakes. We raised an AMAZING £145.81!!

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Thank you for your Harvest contributions

We have once again been overwhelmed by the generosity of the families who attend Smart Kids. We have received some wonderful contributions for the harvest celebrations which the Pre-School children took on their Harvest visit to Christ Church recently. These donations will be distributed within the local community to the Salvation Army.



New Staff

We would like to introduce a few new faces who have recently joined the team

Miss Robbyn Smith

Has joined the nursery within recent weeks. She has enjoyed settling many of the children within the Pre-School Room. Miss Smith has a love of music and in her spare time is also a music teacher. Miss Smith loves sharing this skill with the children, and has been busy introducing the Ukulele to them during singing and circle time, as they have learnt lots of new songs.



Miss Sheril Peart

Sheril joined the Baby Room team on Monday 7th October. Sheril has a wealth of knowledge and experience working with children within the early years. After a short break having her own toddler, Sheril is very excited to be getting back into the nursery routine, finding out about the children and their interests.



Miss Sana Raja

Sana has joined us from Preston College as she completes her Level 3 Early Years childcare course. Sana will be within the nursery on Tuesdays and Fridays getting to know the children, developing her skills and knowledge about working within Early Years.



As a setting we accept many different forms of payment.

These include:

Childcare Vouchers

Tax-Free Childcare

Cash

Bank Transfers

May we remind you that fees must be paid in advance, either weekly or monthly. Late payments will incur a £10 admin charge.

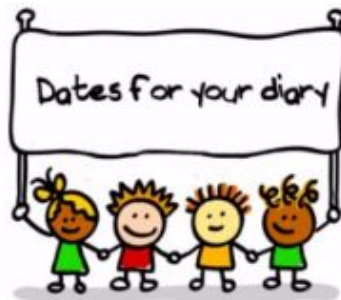
If you are paying via the voucher or tax-free childcare schemes, please inform the nursery of the unique reference number provided in order for us to allocate the payment correctly.

If you are paying via Bank Transfer, please place your child's name as the reference to enable us to allocate the payment correctly.

Any account queries should be made to Mr/Mrs Hayes via email to:
accounts@smarkkids.org.uk

30-Hour Funding

May we take this opportunity to remind you that if you are in receipt of the 30-hour funding, it is the parental responsibility to renew their personal information every 3 months with HMRC. Failure to do so may result in the funding being withdrawn.



Parents Evening - Wednesday 11th December 6.30-8.00pm

Children's Christmas party - Thursday 12th December (details to follow)

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 13th December

**Christmas coffee morning and carol concert - Tuesday 17th December
10am**

Christmas closure - Tuesday 24th December @ 2pm – 2nd January 2020

Tempest Photo Day - 30th April

School leaver's graduation party – Thursday 16th July

School Applications

Applications for primary schools are now open.

We have distributed a list of local school open days via EyLog. They are also displayed on the Pre-School door.

The deadline for applications to primary schools is **15th January 2020**.



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