

Next Steps @ St Johns

Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery ...



This week at Nursery we have been making some Autumn pictures. The children have enjoyed going on 'listening walks' tuning into the different sounds they could hear on the school field and in the woods. They enjoyed collecting leaves, sticks and conkers, exploring the area and looking at the different colours of the leaves. Using autumnal colours, the children have created pictures with their findings using sticks to paint with and looking at the patterns that the leaves make.



The children have looked at some size pictures, using words like biggest, smallest and middle sized to order the pictures. Also in maths we looked at repeating patterns using the natural objects we have been finding on our walks.



The children have enjoyed a tooth brushing activity too, talking about being healthy and making our bodies strong.

We have also enjoyed having Physical mindfulness sessions on a Friday afternoon again this term. We have been focussing on the Christian Value 'Love' and have enjoyed hearing stories, taking part in sensory activities and learning stretches, movements and breathing techniques linked to the theme.

Dates for the diary:

The dates for the half term holiday are Monday 24th October-Friday 28th. Nursery will be open and fees are still due during this time. However if your child will not be attending please can you let a member of staff know when to expect them. All children will need a packed lunch for this week and the inset day on Friday 21st October.

7th October 2022

Star of the Week



Freddie

Our star of the week this week is Freddie. W for being willing to have a go and getting stuck into activities.

He particularly enjoyed an Autumn walk this week and collected lots of apples, leaves, conkers and sticks!

























REMINDERS:

<u>Photographer</u>

We have a photographer booked on Monday 14th November. If Monday is not your child's usual day, then you are more than welcome to attend - please let a member of staff know in advance so we can organise this. If your child usually attends nursery on a Monday then you can drop them off as usual and we will take them over during their session here. Sibling photos with children at St. Johns can also be arranged - please let a member of staff know so that the correct teacher can be informed.

Changes to funded hours

Please note, any permanent changes to your child's funded hours need to be confirmed in writing and can only be accepted every half term. If you need to make changes during the term the extra hours will be charged. Funded hours are allocated to cover the hours your child attends every week for the term. Any extra hours needed at short notice can be accommodated where possible, but will be charged.

Allergies

Can we remind parents that we have a few families with nut allergies, so please can we make sure that no nuts are brought in any lunchboxes, including peanut butter, pesto pasta, chocolate hazelnut spread etc.

School Admissions

If your child is in their pre-school year, you can begin to apply for school places. The closing date is 31st October 2022 if you haven't already applied. Details on how to apply can be found at: https:// beta.bathnes.gov.uk/school-admissions-2023-2024

Dates for the Diary

Monday 14th November: Photographer

22nd December 2022 - 2nd January 2023: Nursery is closed for Christmas and New Year