



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 busy using our funky finger boards. The children have enjoyed some fine motor movements when stretching elastic bands around dowels and screws. They have been discovering how to make nuts move up and down bolts and wrapping string around them too.



The children enjoyed making firework pictures with kitchen rolls too, making the sound effects as they stamped the paper and talking about the fireworks they saw at the weekend.



Some children have experienced some clay this week to make hedgehogs, using the woodland area to collect natural objects to use as spikes. They have enjoyed rolling, moulding, and squeezing the clay. The children have also enjoyed making yummy hedgehog bread, using scissors to snip the spikes on the hedgehog's back.



11th November 2022

Star of the Week



Our star of the week this week is

Betsy!



She has shown care and concern for younger children, being a great role model and helping them to overcome new challenges.

Well done Betsy!



We have been talking about poppies and why some people have been wearing them, talking about remembering the soldiers who were in the war, and discussing what peace means to us. The children made some poppy pictures to represent this.

On **Friday 18th November** we will be taking part in raising money for Children in Need. So we welcome children to dress up in anything spotty, or anything Pudsey related and make a donation. There will also be a cake sale to fundraise too. Any cake/biscuit donations would be gratefully accepted please! These will be on sale at morning drop off so the children can enjoy a cake at lunchtime and also available at pick up times for an 'after school' treat!



REMINDERS

Photographer

Don't forget the photographer for nursery is coming on Monday 14th November! Please let a member of staff know if you are planning to attend with your child if it IS NOT their usual session.

Christmas Activities

We are also going to be starting some Christmas crafts soon, and so to keep all your child's beautiful creations together for Christmas, can we ask each child to bring in a decorated shoe box, or something similar to keep their crafts safe ready to surprise you with at Christmas!

Reminder: Funded Hours

Please remember to renew any funding codes prior to 31st December for use next term. 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.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 14th November: Photographer

Friday 18th November: Children in Need - donations of cakes appreciated

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

