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2<sup>nd</sup> – Harvest festival 16<sup>th</sup> World food day 21<sup>st</sup> National apple day 24<sup>th</sup> Diwali 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween



This month we would like to welcome:

Eleni and Heidi

We hope they enjoy their time here at Puddleducks.



FOOD HYGIENE RATING



## **October 2023 Newsletter**

#### **Our curriculum:**

We are very excited to have developed our curriculum and enhanced the opportunities that children will be learning whilst with us at nursery. Our staff have recently attended a training evening and will be displaying photos of the children following the curriculum as well as evidencing this on children's observations. Please find attached our curriculum guide to read through.

#### Welcome:

We are delighted to welcome Jess to our team as Preschool Room Leader. She has a wealth of experience and ideas to bring to the team and has an Early Years Teacher Status.

#### Photo day:

We are excited to be welcoming the photography company, Pret a Portrait, to nursery on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. If your child attends nursery on this day, they will have their photo taken during the day. If your child does not attend the Wednesday and you would like your child to come in for this, please let us know and we can book a slot for you. If your child has a different outfit to wear for the photo, please let us know at drop off.

#### Macmiilan Coffee Morning:

Thank you to everyone who came along to our cake stall and donated towards the Macmillan Charity by buying some yummy cakes. We raised an amazing £60 for the charity.

#### Diwali:

We will be celebrating Diwali on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. We will be taking part in lots of Diwali themed activities such as making lanterns, Diva lamps firework pictures and lots more.

#### Harvest festival:

Thank you to everyone who has donated for our Harvest festival. If you would still like to donate, we will be taking it to our local food bank on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please can we ask for all donations to be in by then.

#### Halloween Fun Day:

We will be having a Halloween dress up day on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Your child is more than welcome to dress up and we will be enjoying lots of Halloween themed activities such as potion making, creepy slime, spider creations and lots more

### **Recent Highlights**

### Ducklings And Twitchits









Over the recent weeks the Ducklings and Twitchits have been looking at movement and have enjoyed exploring moving around in various ways. Over the coming months we are going to focus on Autumn activities, we have already started with harvest themed activities such as our carrot inspired playdough and the natural resources. We are going to be looking at the outdoor world and will be using our autumn colours, animals and textures to help us.





Over the last month Tiggy's have enjoyed exploring transport, farm, colours, and red panda day activities. We enjoyed pushing and identifying coloured boats through the water, using shapes to create aeroplanes, red panda playdough, farm water tray with animals and foam small world. During the next month we will be exploring activities around Autumn where they will be looking at various textures and objects such as pinecones, conkers, shaped leaves, squirrels and hedgehogs. We are also looking forward to looking inside pumpkins and being creative with spiders, webs and making scented biscuits.





This month we have enjoyed learning more about ourselves and looking closely at our body parts, we have been busy creating self portraits and talking about our facial features. We have also enjoyed being busy bakers this month and enjoying role play around baking. We have enjoyed role playing with cooking ingredients such as mixing together flour and water to create dough. We are looking forward to moving onto exploring Autumn and have already enjoyed exploring leaves and conkers that our friends have found.





This Month we have lots of fun learning "All about us" we have been talking about what we all look like as a person and creating our own self portraits. We have also enjoyed talking about our homes and families and the activities we enjoy doing at the weekend. We have also enjoyed exploring our story sacks and retelling parts of the story using props and story log slices. We are looking forward to extending our role play opportunities as we are very excited to have new role play furniture delivered and have now created a new home area within the Potter room, this will allow the children to develop their real life experiences.



# Birthday celebrations

This month we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to: Tom Zaya Adeline Ayzal Henry Hollie Harry Tatum Eamon Millie Anna Molly Erin

We hope you all have a wonderful day.



# Employee of the month

This month we say a big well done to Stacy.



Stacy has been working hard within Preschool after taking on the role as a key person and providing a range of exciting activities.

Well Done!