

Preschool Committee

Preschool AGM

The Preschool AGM took place on Tuesday. Many thanks to all those parents who attended. We now have a new committee (see below) and we hope you will continue to support them.

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| Chair: | Hayleigh Butler |
| Treasurer: | Sarah O'Shea |
| Secretary: | Sarah Mason |
| General Members: | Claire Emery (Safe Guarding), Sarah Butler, Tim Butler, Hayley Johnson, Taya Dwelly |
| Church Representative: | Wendy Morrison |
| Staff Representative: | Allison Piotrowski |

To our outgoing committee we would like to say a Big Thank You for all they have done. We would like to welcome our new members and look forward to a successful year at Preschool.

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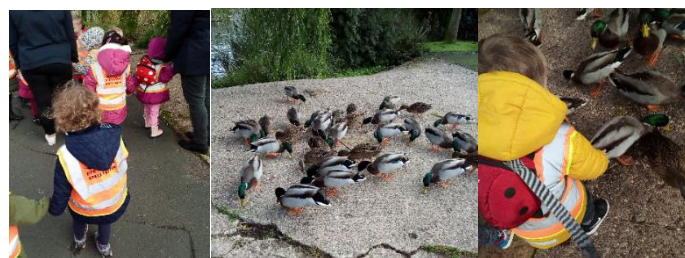
24th October 2019

This week at Preschool we have been out and about exploring using our senses. We took a walk to the duck pond, hiding more books on our way. This was to develop our listening skills by navigating by the calls of the ducks.

Whilst out and about we observed the signs

of Autumn as well as collecting some more leaves for using in our crafts and displays. Back in the room we have been talking about the

different animals and what they do as it gets colder. Following on from this the children have produced some Hedgehog artwork based around the story "It was a Cold Dark Night".



The children are continuing to make good use of the sensory area to help develop their turn taking and awareness of others. This area is still very much a work in progress and if you have any battery operated lights or glow in the dark materials then please bring them in.



Our tidying up session on Friday turned into a test of our teamwork skills.

We balanced a Tuff spot of the balls from the sensory area as we moved around the room and obstacles. We

quickly decided that this was far too easy so we swapped the balls for water. Water is not as easy to balance and we made a few indoor puddles. We ended up with wet socks but we did have lots of fun.



The children are enjoying a part of making their snacks and worked hard to make some yummy pancakes for their friends on Friday. We used this as an opportunity to introduce them to real lemons. We had some fantastic lemon faces.



Pirate Day – Tue 22nd Oct

We had a fantastic pirate day and loved seeing all the different outfits. Thank you to those of you who supported us and donated to the Crackerjack children's trust and to those of you who joined us for story time.



Parents Evening at Preschool

An email confirming times for your appointment at Parents evening have been sent out. If you have not yet confirmed a time please replay to the email sent showing the time slots still available.

★★★★★ Wise Owl Star of the Week ★★★★★

The Wise Owl children have all now met Ollie Bear and are excited to begin bringing him home after half term. Ollie goes home each week with our Star of the Week who is nominated by the Key Workers. He comes home with a diary book and a suitcase. We ask that you complete the diary with your child so we can enjoy reading about his adventures when he returns to Preschool.

Preschool Buckby Rocks

The rocks are beginning to go home with the Wise Owl children so that they can hide them over the half term holiday. We look forward to tracking them around the village and hopefully further afield through the Buckby Rocks Facebook page.

Preschool Spoons

Many thanks to those who returned our spoons to us. We are nearly back to our full complement again.

Red Wax Crayons

Do you have any red wax crayons you no longer need? We are starting to make plans for this year's Preschool Remembrance Wreath and need lots of red wax crayons. If you can help please bring them into us.

The children will all be given the opportunity to help make our Remembrance Wreath and are invited to take part in the service at St Lawrence Church on Sunday 10th November. If you are able to take part please let Linda know.

Co-Op Current Total



Our current total is £1,806.58

Tempest Photography

The deadline has now passed for returning your photos to us. If you would still like to order your photo this can be done online direct with Tempest.

Allison Piotrowski, Preschool Manager

Hayleigh Butler, Chairperson

Wise Mill Park

What a fantastic day we had at Mrs Gruffalo's House aka Mill Park. We explored; made clay faces for the trees; listened to and made up our own stories with Mary; made leaf kebabs; used the sundial to work out when it was time for lunch; identified different birds in the park using the books from the house; drank hot chocolate and ate marshmallows. On our return journey we climbed stiles, saw sheep and cows, visited the church and even had time to stop at the War Memorial to discuss making our Poppy Wreath. There were some tired legs when we got back to Preschool but the children were all amazing and the ladies are very proud of how well they behaved.



Recipe for a Leaf Kebab

1 stick the same length as the width of your hand from your little finger to your thumb.
5 leaves, one for each finger.
5 minutes to find the ingredients and to feed them onto the stick.



"Mrs Gruffalo had no husband, cuz she was grumpy and she threw him to the road... Mary the pirate saved the day by telling Mrs Gruffalo to be a good person."

Thank you to Cillian's mummy for sharing his story when he got home. If any of the other children shared their memories of the day we would love to hear of them. Don't forget you can upload these to Tapestry.



Dates for the Diary

Term 1

Thu 24th Oct Preschool Closes

Term 2

Mon 4th Nov Preschool Opens

Wed 6th Nov Parents Evening

Mon 11th Nov 6pm Infant School Open Evening

Tue 12th Nov 9.30am Infant School Open Morning

Fri 15th Nov Children in Need

Sun 8th Dec Preschool Christmas Concert

Fri 20th Dec Preschool Christmas Party

Fri 20th Dec Preschool Closes

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan Preschool Opens

Wed 15th Jan Final day for school applications

Fri 14th Feb Preschool Closes

Term 4

Mon 24th Feb Preschool Opens

Thu 2nd Apr Preschool Closes

Term 5

Mon 20th Apr Preschool Opens

Fri 22nd May Preschool Closes

Term 6

Mon 1st Jun Preschool Opens

Fri 17th Jul Preschool Closes