



Pippins Newsletter

Pre-School Classroom

The children returned after the summer break very enthusiastic to see their friends and teachers. Many children had been on holidays and brought in different objects to share with the class. Shells were very popular and the children used them to do various learning activities such as counting, size ordering and exploration of shape, weight and dimension.

The children enjoyed the Macmillan Stay and Play morning. Lots of cakes were purchased and it was lovely to see so many parents attend.

The children have explored many topics this term,

one of which was Harvest. They used the vegetables in our harvest basket to run a market stall and sold them to their friends. The children spoke with very descriptive vocabulary as they learned about the different vegetables.

Halloween was another popular topic and the children (and staff!) dressed up. They learned about spiders and bats, carved pumpkins and talked about the weather in Autumn.

As Christmas approached, the children started practising for their Nativity "Christmas Counts." They took part in two performances and we were all extremely proud of them for their enthusiastic singing and

acting!

Magic Iain came to the nursery to provide the children with a magic performance and this was followed by a lovely Christmas lunch prepared by Glenda - a lovely end to the autumn term!



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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Photographer at Pippins (date to be confirmed)
- ☺ Parents' Evening in May (date to be confirmed)



The child has a different relation to his environment from ours..... the child absorbs it. The things he sees are not just remembered; they form part of his soul. He incarnates in himself all in the world about him that his eyes see and his ears hear.

Maria Montessori



2-3 Year Old Classroom



We welcomed the children back from the summer break. They were all very excited talking about where they had been during the holidays with some visiting the beach, farm or zoo.

To help settle the new starters into our room, we have been looking at our routine, learning the rules and boundaries, handwashing, manners, please and thank you etc.

Many children have also been potty training.

Our activities this term have included autumn, leaf painting, counting conkers, autumn discovery tray, orchard walks and collecting resources. The children have created colourful autumn pictures, painting and sticking.

The class have enjoyed our Harvest topic, which included learning the names of vegetables in our Harvest Festival basket and making parsnip and potato decorations.

At Halloween, the children carved pumpkins, made spiders with Halloween coloured spaghetti and created spider web pictures. They also produced wonderful firework paintings for bonfire night.

To celebrate Diwali, the children made candles and window decorations.

A beautiful Remembrance Day window display was also made by the children.

Looking at favourite books, the children enjoyed reading "The Gruffalo", made Gruffalo crumble and spoke about the animals in the story. The children pretended to be animals walking across a line.

We also read "We're going on a Bear Hunt" and acted out the story in the garden.

Many children are becoming big brothers and sisters and we have been reading books about babies

and welcoming a baby into the family.

To celebrate Christmas, the children have been making Christmas crafts, singing Christmas songs and creating a Christmas display in the classroom. They have all made a Christmas bag to take home.

The children all enjoyed Magic Iain and our Christmas Lunch.

Our Christmas craft morning was a great success with many parents attending.



Salvation Army Gift Collection

Lieutenant Sidney from the Sudbury branch came along to Pippins on Monday 9 December to collect the lovely gifts that parents and staff had donated. He took them away to be wrapped before they are distributed to local families. A huge thank you to everyone for the very generous donations!

Baby Pippins



The children in the Baby Room eagerly returned to nursery after the summer break. We also welcomed some new friends.

The children have been involved in many different topics for our "In the Moment" planning. There has been lots of exploration of the immediate environment. They particularly liked the sensorial activities such as playing with shaving foam - with some of them covered from head to toe!

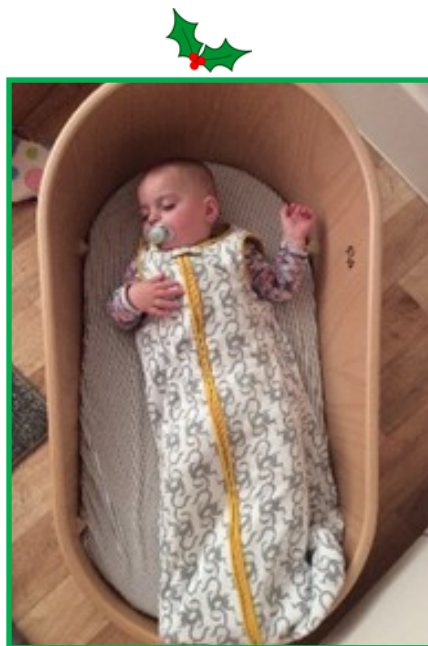
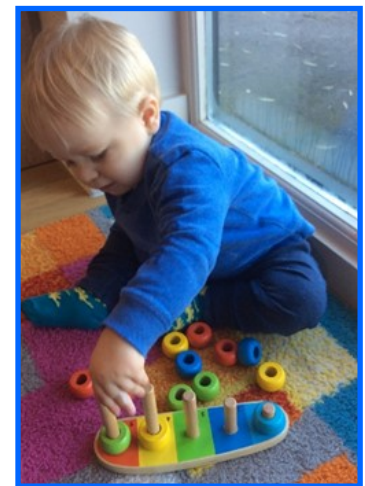
The Tuff Spots have been used by the children with water, material, dried pasta, balls and lots more.

The children have spent time in the outdoor environment with walks around the farmyard and using the garden. They particularly enjoyed visiting the orchards where they

learned about how the trees grow apples and how they can collect them (with permission) when they have fallen to the ground. They then brought them back to the nursery to cook. Our walks through the orchard provide opportunities to risk take, listen and follow instructions and explore what is in the outside environment.

The children have enjoyed all things autumnal, creating collages, painting, making bread hedgehogs and having fun at Halloween.

During the run up to Christmas, the children took part in lots of Christmas related activities. Many hand and foot prints were used for some wonderful creations.



The Baby room would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year!



General



Contact Information

Could we please ask all parents/carers to keep us informed of any changes to mobile phones/ email or landline numbers. The nursery will inform you of any important information via email and mobile phone and **it is vital you notify us of any changes**.

Please continue to check our Website, Facebook and My Montessori Child website regularly for up to date information on the nursery.



Nursery Information

Pippins Outdoor Nursery and Forest School

We are delighted to announce that in April 2020, we will be launching a completely outdoor nursery at Pippins from Tuesday to Friday. Children will be immersed in nature, helping them to become resilient, healthy and independent. Forest School activities will be child lead and play based, following an EYFS curriculum. Children will experience freedom and build confidence.

And finally.....

Please note that Pippins will be closed from Tuesday 24 December and reopens on **Thursday 2 January 2020** after the Christmas break.

My Montessori Child (MMC)

Parents can access their child's individual profile page to see how their child is progressing. Activities and topics that the children have participated in can be viewed, enabling parents to be partners in their child's learning

We recommend that parents visit MMC once a week to keep up to date with everything that is happening at Pippins. This is the only way for parents to see the activities that their child has been taking part in whilst at Pippins.

Children's learning albums,

together with their development profile, will be available for parents to download as from 23 December 2019. This will be available until 3 January 2020. You will find this on your child's individual page on My Montessori Child.



Staff Information

We are delighted to inform you that with effect from 2 January 2020, Claire Pearce will become the new Nursery Manager at Pippins. She will be responsible for the day to day running of the classrooms and you will see her at the door each morning. Lynne has a new role as the nursery Operations Manager overseeing organisational processes across the whole setting.

The nursery staff continue to update their professional development by attending different courses. Julie, Keziah and Emma are all attending Montessori training and Charlotte also attends University once a week, working towards her Early Years degree.

Many congratulations to Anna who has recently achieved her Level 3 Qualification!

