Term 2

What a special time of year it is here at The John Wallis Nursery as Christmas approaches. This is the final newsletter of 2021 and we would like to wish you all a very peaceful and Happy Christmas.

As we come to the end of this busy term, we would like to thank the children for working incredibly hard. They will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries. I would also like to thank all of our staff who continue to support the children, and provide an exciting learning environment each and every day. Thank you to all our parents for your continued support.

Please remember if you have a child attending school in September 2022, applications close on the 17th January. Please speak to a member of staff if you need support or use the link to the information on the Primary Places page on the KCC Admissions website.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to the parents who filled out our parent questionnaire. We received some very positive comments and suggestions to improve our setting.

Form our survey, 100% agreed that their child enjoys Nursery, we keep your child safe, and we support your child’s learning, 100% of responses said that you are greeted warmly by staff. We received two responses from parents who said that they were unaware of the staff names within the room. Please see the Nursery staff structure with staff photos and names which is also published on the Nursery section of the website.

Dates for you Diary

- 04th January 2021 Nursery Closed due to staff Inset day
- 05th January – Nursery Opens for Term 3
- School Admission Applications forms close 17th January 2022.

Welcome Dates
Baby Room

This term in the Baby Room, we have enjoyed lots of exciting activities all planned around the children’s interests. We have looked at fireworks, transport, Remembrance Day, ‘Our favourite books’ and Christmas/Winter.

Our Favourite Songs
  - We wish you a Merry Christmas
  - Christmas Pudding
  - When Santa got stuck up the chimney
  - Jingle Bells

Partnership with parents

Thank you to all of our parents who came to our Pre-School Nativity, Christmas Arts and Crafts Morning and Afternoon. It was lovely to see the children playing and interacting with you all.
In Toddler Room, we have been reading 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We have been very busy exploring lots of new textures in our sensory trays. The children walked through water, mud, grass and foam and felt what was in the trays with their feet. We went on a walk around the school looking for a bear, we found a few (teddy) bears on the way! The children shared their snack with the teddies who were having a picnic.

Here’s what we have been up to:

Over the last few weeks, we have looked at transport and all the different types. We even looked at how each mode of transport moves. We made our own cars from paper plates and used the cars wheels to paint by rolling them back and forth. The children enjoyed using the chairs to create their very own train where they each had a turn to drive the train and collect the tickets. We found the bikes and had a go at making the bikes move by using the peddles and making the scooter move by using our feet, or asking one of the ladies to push us! The last two weeks we have been busy with lots of Christmas craft and decorating our tree.

When children move into the Toddler room, we implement a uniform, please ensure your child is wearing The John Wallis Cardigan or jumper with a red or white polo shirt. These can be ordered through Wisepay.
We are now well settled into the routines in Nursery and made lots of new friends. We have been looking at the fairy tales about number 3 – “The 3 Bears, The 3 Goats and The 3 Little Pigs.” We have had great fun listening to these familiar stories and then telling them ourselves using story trays, masks and puppets. Our role play corner even became the 3 Bears’ house! We have then had a challenge for each story. We made bridges for the goats across the river, we made houses for the 3 pigs and made a new chair for baby bear.

We have also used the number ‘3’ as a starting point for lots of counting this term. We are experts now, reciting numbers and pointing to each object as we count carefully. We are even beginning to read and write some numerals.

In “Write Dance,” we have been developing our skills for writing. We listen to a story, do some exercise and then complete lots of fun activities around one of the writing patterns, eg. circles for ‘c,o,a’ and straight lines for ‘l’ and ‘i’.

French with Mr Berrigot, MFL Teacher, and Soccer Tots are also great fun. We are beginning to say a few words in French and are heading for the Premier League with our football skills!

Celebrating special times has also been part of this term. We learnt about helping others on “Children in Need” day, remembering the past on “Remembrance Day” and celebrating with the festival of Diwali. We are now looking forward to Christmas and have enjoyed practicing our Nativity play. We hope our Mums and Dads will love it!

We would like to wish all our families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Please upload any photos from the Christmas period to your child’s Tapestry account.