



KINGSWOOD PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



March 2017 – Term 4

We all enjoyed making the most of the wintry weather at the end of Term 3 and although there may not have been that much snow the children certainly had fun at pre-school exploring how it felt and what they could do with it.

This term we look ahead to the first signs of Spring, and some exciting plans for Easter. We will be holding our usual Easter bonnet parade and coffee and cake reception on Friday 31st March. Please save the date in your diary as we would love as many parents and relatives to join us as possible. All children are invited to stay for an extra session on that Friday if they want to join in with our Easter egg hunt. Let Deborah know as soon as possible if you would like to book your child in.

Don't forget you can help us get ready for our Easter celebrations by sending your child to pre-school in pyjamas on Wednesday 29th March in exchange for a chocolate donation.

New starters

A special welcome to the following children who join us this term:

Ajai

Jackson

Lara J

Lara JB

Miley

Dates for your diary

Term 4 – 20th February until 31st March

Pyjama Day – 29th March

Easter Bonnets – 31st March

Term 5 – 15th April until 31st May

4th May – CLOSED for Voting

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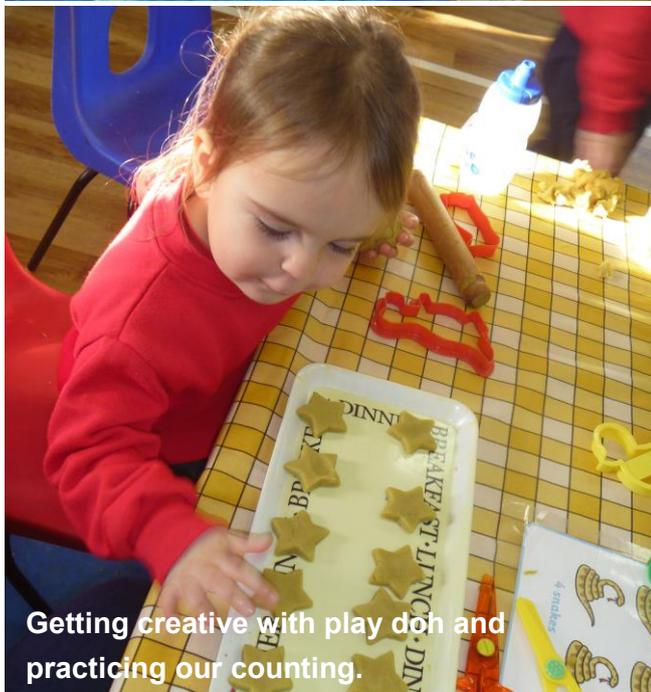
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Looking back at Term 3

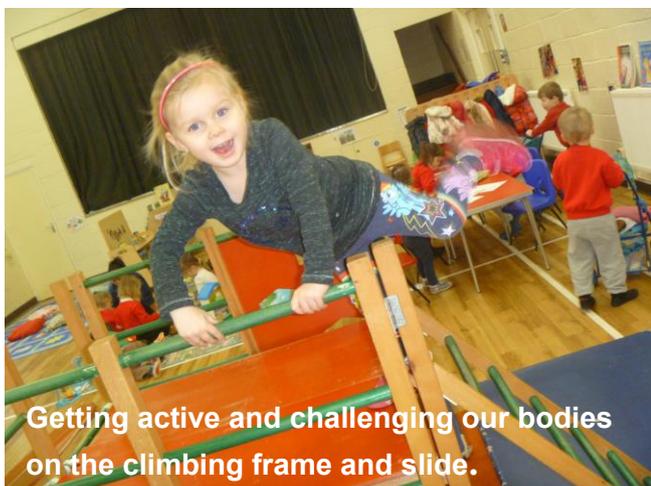
As well as getting outside in the wintry weather, we enjoyed all of the following activities last term:



Making a fabulous mess with jelly slime!



Getting creative with play dough and practicing our counting.



Getting active and challenging our bodies on the climbing frame and slide.

BIRTHDAYS

There are lots of birthdays to celebrate this term. The birthday boy or girl is always offered the chance to wear the birthday hat while we sing to them! Many happy returns to:

Ethan R, Jasmine, Ethan, Florence and Jacob B who turn 3 this term and Isobel and Samuel who will be turning 4.

Birthday wishes to you all from your friends and the staff at pre-school!

KIDS' EYE VIEW

We hear from Evan, aged 3, and his thoughts on pre-school.



Time at pre-school: 1 ½ years

Best things about pre-school: "I love going to pre-school because I get to play in the tree house and I like playing with Isobel. Ann always helps me at pre-school."

What do you think Mummy does when you are at pre-school? "She bakes cakes"

When I grow up: "I want to clean floors!"

MEET THE TEAM

We hear from the Chair of the Pre-school Committee, Emma.



My name is Emma and I am the pre-school Chairperson. I joined the pre-school committee in 2014 when my eldest daughter started there and took on the role of Chairperson in order to help make a difference in my community; I have been working with lots of dedicated parents/grandparents as part of the committee ever since. My main duties are to chair regular committee meetings, fundraise on behalf of the pre-school, interview staff, conduct appraisals and I also represent the pre-school at the Village Hall Committee meetings.

Outside of my pre-school commitments, I work as a part-time English teacher at a secondary school, a job which I have been doing for nearly nine years now. I also run a small hair bows and accessories business and run about after two little girls aged 5 and 3. If you would like to join our team or help out at a fundraising event, I

am the person to speak to, we could always do with extra help!

COULD YOUR EMPLOYER HELP US?

Some large employers run a scheme called Pound for Pound which sees corporations and businesses offer to match any fundraising that charities achieve, effectively doubling the total amount raised. If this is something your employer offers we would love to hear from you as it could be of huge benefit to the preschool.

SNACK TIME

We do our best to keep snack time interesting and healthy by providing a range of foods for the children to enjoy. This term Yati has been treating us to crumpets and jelly among the usual mix of fresh fruit and vegetables and we even enjoyed pancakes on the week of Shrove Tuesday. We are very grateful to Praba at the local shop, Nisa, for providing us with fresh bread free of charge, and to Winterwood Farm for their weekly donation of fresh blueberries.

If you would like to donate anything towards snack time then please let Deborah know. The following kinds of items are always welcome: fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, yoghurts, breadsticks (but nothing containing nuts please).

EXTRA SESSIONS

Did you know you can request extra sessions for your child on an ad hoc basis? If you need an extra session of childcare some weeks, and there is space available, we will do our best to accommodate you. You can also add in lunch club sessions on an ad hoc basis. Just speak to Deborah in advance.

SPECIAL THANKS

We are indebted to all the families and community members that offer help to our small pre-school in whatever way.

This term we would like to say a special thanks to Craig Judge (Dad to Scarlett and Lara) for designing and building two terrific busy boards for the children. These brilliant activity centres will soon be installed in our outside area and are sure to keep little hands and minds busy.



If you or any relatives or friends have a talent or a skill that could benefit the children please don't be shy! We'd love to hear from you.

We also thank Chris Simpson, of Chris Simpson Photography and Kent Karate, for kindly donating a projector to the pre-school.

THE VILLAGE COFFEE SHOP

On the first Saturday of each month there is a Coffee Shop event at the Village Hall. The event runs from 10-12pm and is open to everyone. You can browse stalls from local crafters and small businesses and even pick up sausages from the local butcher. On Saturday 1st April there will be a raffle and the Village Hall Committee have invited all the pre-school children to come along and give their bonnets a second outing by taking part in their Easter bonnet parade with a prize for the winner.



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