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News

September - October 2009

Dates for your diary

We have Ted's Big Day Out coming up on Friday 16th October. The Royal United Hospital have asked us to take part in launching this special event and we are looking forward to continuing our support for the baby unit by bringing in our teddies and wearing silver and blue on this day!

Concept Photography are going to be coming in on Wednesday 28th October and Thursday 29th October to take photos of the children ready for Christmas. These are no obligation photos prior to purchase so we recommend everyone take advantage of these days!

We will also be holding our Parents Evening on Monday 9th November at 18:30. These evenings are always a great social event so we hope to see everyone there! Parking may also be taken at King Edwards School next door on this day.

Birthdays

September

- Ernie (1)
- Jaylen, Olive, Joseph, Mujin & Jack (2)
- Ember, Luis, Archie, Imogen & Finn (3)
- Dylan, Alice & Jack (4)
- Izaac & Mimi (7)
- Annabelle (9)

October

- Xavier, Sophia, George, Lucy, Louis & Isla (1)
- Juliette, Kit, Lucy, Beatrice & Polly (2)
- Lina, Sophie, Emily, Charlie, Hannah, Harry, Jacob & Oliver (3)
- Talia, Sophia, Ryan, Imogen, Ella & Noah (4)
- Poppy & Tilly (9)

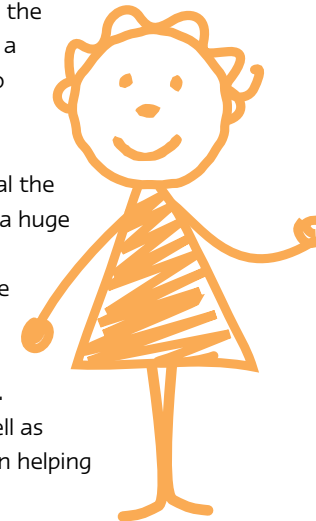
As we wrapped up the afternoon with our raffle, with many people taking home fantastic prizes, the rain did start to fall but it was too late as the money was already being counted and as the pennies and pounds added up, we inched closer and closer towards our goal. As we brought in the final stall's collection, we were overwhelmed to discover that we had reached our target by mere pounds and raised the £1000 that we needed for the hospital. So thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this event. We have more fundraising ideas up ahead that we will share you with inside this newsletter and in the coming months.

On a Saturday afternoon in July

we held our sixth summer fete, with the aim of raising enough money to buy a wall in the Forever Friends scheme to build a new baby unit.

We had a wide selection of stalls on offer from the beginning and as usual the bouncy castle and face painting was a huge hit for everyone who came along.

We also had a first barbecue available this year which seemed to go down really well, especially since our good karma was rewarded in the weather. Elsewhere, fruit and cake stalls as well as Starbucks coffee were all successful in helping push the event towards its target.



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Ollie



Phoebe



Katherine & Emily



Anna



Frances



Helena

Dear Parents

Well, September has crept up on us and we are welcoming in a new batch of children into all age groups.

Many of these children have not attended a nursery before and so we hope that we can make them feel as welcome as possible and part of the Snapdragons family!

*** Past months' comings and goings ***

We also took part in the Big Toddle in August as Toddlers & Pre-School headed over to Weston field and walked one or two laps - depending on how tired they were - and helped raise money for Barnardo's. Thanks to the generous contributions from many of you we raised a fantastic £400 which we have sent off to Barnardo's now to claim our certificate. The children all received fantastic medals and certificates for taking part in the toddle and had a really great time. A giant photo of us all is by the front door!

Due to the success of these events we have decided to put on a brand new special event in December. We will be holding a Winter Wonderland fete with winter-themed stalls and games and special guests for the children. There will be more information about this upcoming along with a confirmed date so listen out for the latest information.

At the end of August we received a visit from Ofsted who had come to give us our first inspection since April 2007. Everyone performed admirably during the two days that he was here and our overall verdict came out well so our full report will be available in the nursery and online in the next few weeks. As always we are still looking to improve in all areas.



Music & Movement classes are starting up again in September on Wednesday mornings. The classes run for Pre-School children during the school terms and cost £3.50 a session. The children all really enjoy taking part in these sessions so if you would like to sign up then please let your key person or a member of staff in the office know.

We have had to say farewell to Gareth recently who has moved on to go to university. He had been a valuable asset to the nursery during his time here and has left big shoes to fill. We are looking for a replacement at the moment and will let you all know as soon as a suitable person has been found.

Our Summer Holiday Club has ended now in what seems like a flash and it was five weeks of fun and excitement. There were many great activities on offer and there seemed to be a Go-Go craze going on but everyone is getting ready to start school again now. With After School club, we are starting to collect from Newbridge Primary School in the September term and so will continue to evaluate how this works.