

Room Update

Babies and Tots Room

Babies and Tots across November and December will be celebrating the new seasons of Autumn and Winter. Through the months, we are going to be exploring aspects of autumn and winter vegetables. We have a lovely delivery from our Holly's Farm Shop each week, filled with some lovely root vegetables for us to base around our invitations to play. We will be exploring these vegetables through vegetable printing, vegetable sensory bags, we will be cutting them open and using our senses to explore new tastes and smells in order to enhance our sensory awareness.

Toddler Room

Toddlers are currently introducing their new Bucket Therapy to the children. Bucket Therapy is an activity that really helps with our children's listening and attention skills. Bucket Therapy has the ability to help our Toddlers sit for longer periods of time whilst exploring some new sensory objects. We will be introducing some winter and Christmas stories to our Toddlers. Toddlers will also be focusing on extending their fine motor skills through lots of activities based around strengthening our arm and finger muscles, in various filling and emptying activities.

Preschool Room

Preschool will be exploring the topic of 'Bones' this month. The children will be talking about how to look after our bodies and which parts of our bodies are made up of bones. The children will be also promoting their oral health in discussing tooth brushing and the importance of looking after our teeth, how certain foods and drinks may affect them and how to brush them. Preschool will also be having a large discussion about Calcium and learning how this ingredient can look after our bones and teeth. We will be having a special 'cheese board' tea to explore different types of cheeses that have a large amount of calcium, as well as trying some festive cheeses in preparation for our Christmas festivities.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Wednesday 1st December - Elf Pancake Breakfast with arrival of the nursery Elves.

Monday 6th December - CHRISTMAS STORY DAY

Our nursery teachers will have lots of fun invitations to play and set ups based around some Christmas stories for you to explore, we are going to be enjoying lots of stories together.

Wednesday 8th December - Visit from Santa, Preschool and Toddlers will be making their own milkshakes and all rooms will be baking their own homemade cookies.

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Party Day (all day) - Children can come dressed up in your party day outfits ready for some festive filled fun!

Thursday 16th December - Christmas Dinner (AM) Wear your best Christmas jumper, we are going to have a lovely Christmas lunch made by Julie, chocolate log for pudding, we will be pulling some crackers and listening to some Christmas music.

Monday 20th December - Christmas movie and pyjama day with snacks (Preschool and Toddlers) Come to nursery in your pyjamas.

Monday 20th December - (Babies and Tots) Sensory Present Box day. Our babies and tots will be enjoying lots of fun filled Christmas treasure/sensory boxes to explore. We will be making dens, explore tinsel and lots of textures and using our fine motor skills to help unwrap our toys and present boxes.

Friday 24th December - Decorating cookies for Santa, baking carrot cake for Rudolph, to put on our special plates for Christmas Eve.



Autumn/Winter terms;

Funded only sessions will finish on
17/12/2021

Term time sessions will finish on
17/12/2021

Returning: 04/01/2022

**REMINDER! Christmas Eve & New Years
Eve - The nursery will close @ 3pm**

Activities to try at home:

Edible Spice Paints

These paints are a perfect way to introduce your child to aspects of mark making, as well as livening up our sense of smell and taste!

You will need:

Pots for each of the scented paints

Paintbrushes and/or other materials to use for mark making (your child can use their hands if they wish!)

A variety of spices (some of our favourites are ginger, cinnamon, cocoa powder, curry powder)

Add a small amount of the spices to each of the paint pot containers.

Slowly add small amounts of water until the consistency turns into a thick paste.

Continue to add small amounts of water and mix well, until you get the desired consistency.

These paints can be used safely for any age, ranging from Babies all the way up to Preschoolers, and they are a massive hit here at Dunkys!

Could we please ask kindly...

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www.daynurseries.co.uk - Dunkys Runcorn

www.google.co.uk, type in Dunkys Day Nursery Runcorn, when you begin to scroll in the right hand side you will see an option to click 'leave a review'



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

At St. Michaels Church from Wednesday 27th November - Friday 26th November (3pm-7pm) and Saturday 27th (1030am-3pm) the annual Christmas tree festival for our community will be open. Dunky's will have their very own Christmas tree displayed for you to go and visit, as well as going to enjoy some Christmas music, refreshments, raffles and much more festive magic to get us into the Christmas spirit.



Covid policies and procedures

As we have recently seen an increase in covid cases we would just again like to remind all our families that if yourself or your child develops any of the below symptoms, could you please inform us at nursery and keep your child at home until a full test has been done. Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding in helping us to keep our nursery open to all and keep our children and families safe and healthy.

-New and continuous cough - Temperature - Loss of taste or smell

We would also like to thank you for your patience and understanding when collecting and dropping off your child, we understand that waiting times can sometimes be long if there is a queue, we are trying our best to keep things moving as quickly as possible. We think feedback at the end of your child's session is very important and we adore sharing their wonderful day with you but we feel that sometimes it hasn't been as in-depth as we would like due to staff being unable to leave the rooms due to ratio or staff trying to reduce waiting times and follow the social distancing guidelines, if you do have any concerns or something you would like to discuss with your child's keyperson please let us know and they can give you a phone call to catch up, please check out Family and instagram to see the recent activities and also send us a message on Family or instagram which we can respond to, again thank you so much for your understanding and we are always here if you have anything you would like to discuss.