

Kenilworth Nursery School November 2018



Nursery School

During the Autumn term the children have showed us their continued interest in mark-making. They have completed self-portraits, drawings of their families and observational drawings of autumn leaves and a bicycle wheel. We have explored 2D shapes and have been noticing them all around the Nursery. We will move onto 3D shapes shortly. The children have begun to explore traditional tales beginning with *The 3 Billy Goats Gruff* and *the Gingerbread Man*. Children have been very excited to make and cook their own gingerbread man. Each colour group has had the opportunity to explore a new space in the garden studio for movement, music and relaxation. Matt the artist has returned to set up a new atelier space in the garden studio. He is going to spend some time introducing the space and the found materials with each colour group soon.

In music and movement with Lizzy the children have been exploring Diwali style dancing. They have been listening and testing out moves and they are working towards a simple choreographed routine. Forest School has started in the second half of the Autumn term. We have been learning about the different rules that we need to learn to keep ourselves safe in the Forest School environment.

Nurture Nursery

During the second half of the Autumn term children have been introduced to a range of found materials (tubes, lids, cylinders, strings of beads of different lengths, boxes with lids, bottles etc.) to explore and develop open-ended play opportunities. There has been great interest in the materials with particular focus on posting, connecting, filling & emptying and also lots of opportunity to develop mathematical language around shape, space, measures and counting. Through these learning opportunities staff have observed lots of 'characteristics of effective learning' as the children develop their own ideas, test out their ideas and begin to share their ideas with each other.

This half term a rolling group time has been introduced where the children take it in turns in their colour group with their key worker to participate in a small group session in the entrance. The focus has been on movement and action songs and the children have responded well to this extra group time.

Donations to school fund

Voluntary contributions and Gift Aid.

If you have not yet donated, it's not too late!

The contributions pay for additional items such as art supplies, clay, new books, tissues.

Thank you

Emergency School Closures

You need to be aware that in the event of snow, burst pipes, broken heating systems and any unforeseen circumstances, school will be closed. We will inform you in the following ways:

- Our face book page [Kenilworth nursery school and early years teaching centre](#)

* With FREE TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS. To sign up for FREE school closure text alerts to your mobile phone, go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk click on 'emergency school closures' and register an account. You can register an account for up to 3 different schools. The free subscription automatically ends on 27 July each year.

Teacher Trainees

We have welcomed 2 trainee teachers to the setting: Hester Bond who is based with Red group and Una Brennan who is based with Orange group and with us until Christmas. Both trainees have become valuable members of the team, working in all areas of the Nursery.

Christmas Tree Festival

At Kenilworth Nursery School we are extremely proud of our children's creative work and in particular the process the children work through as they learn and develop new skills. An opportunity to represent, share and celebrate this in our local community is through Kenilworth's annual Christmas Tree Festival. You will then be able to visit the trees and even vote for your favourite in the community Christmas Tree festival.

The church will be open for viewing:

Friday 30th November 10am - 8pm
Saturday 1st December 10am - 4.30pm
Sunday 2nd December 11am - 2pm



Petition for future funding

As you may be aware a petition to ask Government to support future funding for Nursery School Education from March 2020, has been organised and we are asking parents to support us in signing the petition.

Information is available to read on the notice board in the Main entrance and Jackie has letters available from the office.

We appreciate your support; it will determine our future as a school.

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Christmas Party Day

Tuesday 18th December

There will be a special visitor coming in the morning to meet the children, so if your child usually attends the afternoon session, you are very welcome to bring them along in the morning. We will send out further information with times.

Important Dates:

This term will end on **Friday 21st December 2018.**
The new term will begin on **Tuesday 8th January 2019.**

Our new school email address

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