

Pippins Newsletter

Summer...



Pippins has had a very exciting first half of the year. Not only did we receive "Outstanding" after our Ofsted inspection, but we have also received Montessori Accreditation following an inspection by a Montessori Association Assessor.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication.



Baby Pippins

It has been an exciting time at Baby Pippins with lots of new babies joining us. We are so pleased with how everyone has settled in so quickly. The babies have had lots of fun exploring the farm and making



been learning about farm animals.

Classroom Topics

The children have been taking full advantage of the warm weather to use the garden for lots of exploratory play. Insects have been found and examined and worms in particular are a favourite! The children have also looked at beetles and woodlice proclaiming that they are very "tickly"! We have been discussing summertime and all that it represents. The children have been learning about the different continents, their people, climate

and animals.

Sebastian brought his pet tortoise "Darcy" into Pippins for the other children to talk about.



Sports Day

Pippins held its first Sport's Day which was a great success! All the parents and family members were invited to come along and join in the fun. There was a family picnic afterwards which Glenda had prepared and the children were given animal lunchboxes.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Group Photograph
- ☺ Charity Week in October (details to follow)
- ☺ Afternoon Sessions & Swimming Lessons (*spaces still available*)



Also they have been enjoying messy fun with sand and water, shaving foam, spaghetti and rice and have taken part in various summer themed creative activities.

General

Sainsbury's & Tesco's Vouchers

We would like to say a huge "thank you" to all parents and extended family members for helping us to raise 3384 Sainsbury's vouchers and 2199 Tesco vouchers! The following equipment has been ordered:

2 Small Picnic Benches

World Footballs

Small Torches

Foam Paint Rollers

This was our highest total so far and the children will all benefit from these items.

Request to parents!

If you have any empty make up pots, small boxes with lids or other plastic/glass containers that the children can work with to enhance their fine manipulative skills we would be grateful for any donations!

Summer holiday souvenirs....

In September the children will be discussing their experiences during the summer holidays and if there is anything they would like to bring in to Pippins to share with the other children i.e. photos, souvenirs etc. they would be most welcome.



Nursery Information

Staff

From September Jo will be moving to the upstairs classroom to join Kayleigh. Jasmin will relocate to Baby Pippins to gain experience with the younger babies. Daykota Rinkell will be joining Pippins on 12 September. Daykota has been working in a Montessori nursery and has a Montessori

Foundation Degree. She will be working with Sharon in the downstairs classroom.

We would like to congratulate Jo who has completed her Level 3 in Childcare. We also wish her all the best for her forthcoming wedding!

Thank you to Emma for all her help and we wish her luck in her new job.

Leavers

We would like to say goodbye to all our leavers and wish them luck at their new schools.

Website

Any further news will be available on our website:

www.pippinsnursery.co.uk

And finally.....

There are still a few afternoon sessions remaining in the Summer for anybody who would like to increase their attendance in order to claim full government funding. Please let Lynne know as soon as possible if you would like to increase your sessions before Headcount Day on 6 October 2011. In addition we do have swimming sessions available on

Tuesdays and Thursdays at White's Farm pool. There are 7 children in each class with two teachers.

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Please note that Pippins reopens on **Tuesday 30 August 2011** after the summer break.

We wish you all a
very Happy
Summer!

