



Blackberry Lane Bulletin



November 2024

This month we have spent a lot of time in the back garden. The Under 2s explored the whole area, using the mud kitchen, climbing apparatus and rolling the tyres down the slope and along the ground. The preschool children took great delight in gathering up the leaves and throwing them at the grown-ups.



The first week the children talked about the fireworks they had seen. We showed some pictures of fireworks too and the children recreated some fabulous pictures of their own. The Under 2s room used a scrubbing brush and some paint to create the desired effect, the preschool children used paint and cardboard tubes. Outside, a large piece of material was attached to the fence and the children used various sized brushes to splatter the paint onto the material to make a large firework display.



We talked to the children about Remembrance day and why some people wear poppies. A table was set up with paper and paint and the children used different methods to paint some poppy pictures. Some opted to use corks, some used cut apples to print and other used finger prints.



The following week was our Children In Need week. The children were invited to wear spots or their pyjamas to the setting each day. They decorated Pudsey masks and both rooms made lots of pictures with spots and circles, again using a variety of objects such as corks, bottle tops, pom poms. We even got the face painting kit out! Lots of money was brought into the setting in the Smarties tubes and the money was poured into a large Smarties tube. The preschool children had to safely climb a step ladder and reach over to empty their tubes, testing their self confidence and balance. The Under 2s needed to climb the steps of the nursery slide and then tip their coins down the tube, again helping to develop their self confidence and gross motor skills. We will let you all know the final total raised next week.



What can we say about the third week—other than we had SNOW!!! Everything stopped and the children went outside to experience the weather. There was even a snowman made! The children recreated their experience and painted some lovely snow pictures.



The projector was set up in the conservatory and the children explored how the images changed when placed on the display. They experienced orientation and had to think about how to place each item to get the silhouette the correct way up.



The last week of November has been all about preparing decorations for our Christmas Fair. The children have helped make stars, Christmas trees and other Christmas themed items - which will be a surprise for you parents on Christmas Day. There has been a lot of dancing outside and children carrying out physical activities to keep warm.



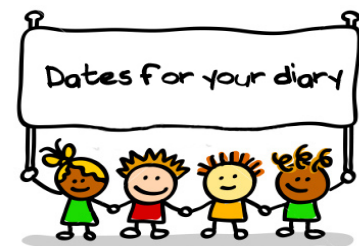
Term dates

2/9/2024 to 20/12/2024 Autumn term

6/1/2025 to 4/4/2025 Spring term

22/4/2025 to 29/7/2024 Summer term

Upcoming events



Friday 29th November - 5.30 pm. Christmas Fair.

We will be holding our Christmas Fair at the pre-school from 5.30 pm onwards. Please bring any cakes for our cake stall. Thank you.

Tuesday 10th December 2pm. Christmas Production.

Please note only the pre-school children will be performing. The nursery will be open as usual.

The performance will commence at 2 pm in the Primary School Hall.

If your child is not normally in attendance on Tuesdays please drop them at 1.30 pm to pre-school in their costume (with a change of clothes to change back into after the performance in a named bag). The costumes will be given out the week before.



Friday 20th December 12 pm - 3 pm. Christmas Party!

We will be celebrating Christmas in Blackberry Lane style. There will be separate parties for the nursery and pre-school children. A party lunch followed by party games and sing songs. There will be a visit from Father Christmas too. You can come and pick up your children from 2.30 pm onwards and visit Santa on your way out.

Nursery parents - If your child doesn't usually attend the nursery on Fridays, please come along at midday. Parents will need to stay with their children please, as there aren't enough nursery staff to maintain the necessary ratio.

Pre-School parents - If your child doesn't usually attend pre-school on Fridays please drop them off at midday.

Please note: We will not be running after school club on this date - please make alternative arrangements.

Monday 6th January. Development day.

The setting will be closed. We will be getting ready for the new term.