

Adventurers Newsletter January February 2019

WELCOME

This month in the Adventurers we have seen the return of Becki who has taken some of us outside for outdoor learning and Forest Schools. The first trip out was to the playground



where children took part in a lot of team building games a lot of fun had by all. Children have also made clay faces, but because of bad weather we had to do them inside.

Some of our Adventurers enjoyed a morning of using marbles to paint a picture, we put blobs of paint onto a piece of paper and then rolled marbles through it - a very messy but enjoyable activity for those who had a go.

Using paint again we painted over some Lego bricks and created printing patterns on paper.

Earlier this month some of our children were having a game of 'Try not to Laugh' - not as easy as it sounds, and a very serious face needed in order to win the game.



Some of the children have had a go at making colourful snapdragons with Sophie, a lot of fun for all who managed to make one.

Marshmallow playdough was on the agenda too last week and some children had a go at weaving because it was too wet to go outside .



Thanks, The Adventurers Team

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Forest Schools and Outdoor Learning

Hi All

Forest schools over the last couple of weeks has been amazing, the children are growing with confidence and love learning through outdoor experiences.

We have been digging for worms and talking about their length and how fat and juicy they are. We also did some bug hunts and talked about how we must be careful with them to ensure we don't hurt them.

Over the next few weeks we will be getting even messier making funny clay faces to take home.

We will also be learning how to play some new team games.

Thanks Becki - Outdoor Learning Leader

DIARY DATES

Closed Bank Holidays: 19th April 2019,
22nd April 2019, 6th May 2019, 27th May
2019 and 26th August

Comic Relief 15th March

Closed Monday 15th April Training Day

Tuesday 14th May Parents Evening

Child Safety Week 3rd-9th June

Big Toddle June TBC

Friday 26th July Training Day Closed

Monday 2nd September new contracts start

Sunday 29th September OPEN EVENT time
TBC

Thursday 3rd October Parents Evening

Monday 28th October Training Day Closed

Children in Need November

Close for Christmas 12 noon 24th December

Closed Friday 3rd January Training Day

Healthy Eating

As part of our requirements for Ofsted and duty of care to your children, Jigsaws is a healthy eating setting. Ofsted inspectors look at the extent to which we are successfully supporting children to gain "knowledge of how to keep themselves healthy" and "make informed choices about healthy eating, [and] fitness" throughout their entire inspection.

In order to promote this, we take children out to forest schools, teach about exercise and the effects on our bodies and offer healthy snacks to help children to understand healthy eating. If you bring a snack for your child, please can you ensure that it is a piece of fruit or a yoghurt. Biscuits and fruit shoots will only be offered as part of the lunchtime pack up. Thank you for your help with this. If you have any questions please speak to your room supervisors.

The new Vegan Menu is available. Check the website for details <https://www.jigsawschildcare.co.uk/home-made-meals/>

20 is Plenty

At the moment a 20 is plenty scheme is being considered for the village in specific areas. If you would like to find out more a petition will be in the Community Shop and if you would like to volunteer or get involved Cllr Andrew Mason would love to hear from you. Jigsaws would like to support this scheme to slow the traffic down outside our play area and make drivers think about their speed as they go through the village.

Nut Allergies

Just a reminder that we have children in the setting with allergies so please make sure any snacks or lunches that are sent in are nut free.

Important Safety Reminder

Please could we ask that all parents close and lock the front gate on the way in and out to keep the children safe. Thank you.



Meet the Adventurers team



Rebecca Haines
Deputy Manager
Outdoor Learning Leader



Linda Ross
Room Supervisor



Kay Scarce
Practitioner



Sophie Gaddas
Practitioner

Amie Ross—Operations Manager

Nicole Newiss – Teaching & Learning Manager

Helen Smith – Business Manager

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