

Autumn - Winter 2024 Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn – Winter 2024 Newsletter.

We have some very exciting things coming up over the next few months.

As the weather gets colder please ensure that children are dressed in weather appropriate clothes. The children will be playing outside, having fun and maybe getting messy.

We encourage all families to follow us on Facebook at '**Arbourthorne Tiddlywinks Centre**'. Where we regularly post activities happening in nursery. We also use Facebook to inform you of any closures or late opening or closing of the centre due to adverse weather i.e. snow storms, ice etc.

We have installed a new outdoor kitchen in our playground. We are looking for some stainless steel pans, bowls and utensils if anyone has any at home that they don't use and would like to donate please.



Important Dates

October Half Term

Monday 28th October to
Friday 1st November 2024

Christmas Closure

Nursery is closed to all
children from Monday 23rd
December 2024. We reopen
on Monday 6th January
2025.

Children in Need

Friday 15th November, come
dressed in your pyjamas or
spots and let's raise lots.

We have also been
practicing the Peppa Pig
song 'Piggle Wiggle' for
Children in Need which you
can find on YouTube.

Coffee Morning

**Saturday 7th December
10am – 12pm**

Craft activities, Face
Painting, Tombola,
Refreshments and much
more. Come along, support
the Centre and chat with
staff.

What's happening in the rooms..

Little Buds: Children aged 3 months – 2 years

Little Buds have had a busy September welcoming all the returning and new little ones into the relocated nursery room. We have also welcomed new staff member Natalie and Ella to the team. The staff team have been focusing on spending time getting to know all the new children and families. The children have been very busy playing and exploring the new Autumn sensory experiences. The children have been learning the nursery rhyme:

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star	Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star
How I wonder what you are	How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high	Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky	Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle Twinkle Little Star	Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
How I wonder what you are!	How I wonder what you are!



This term we are looking forward to celebrating Halloween, Diwali and Christmas festivals.

Thank you,
Helena, Becky, Ella, Emily and Natalie

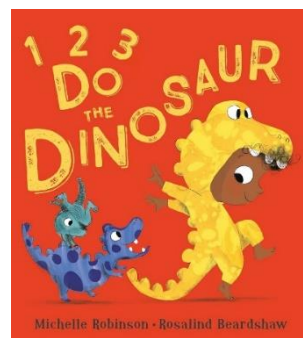
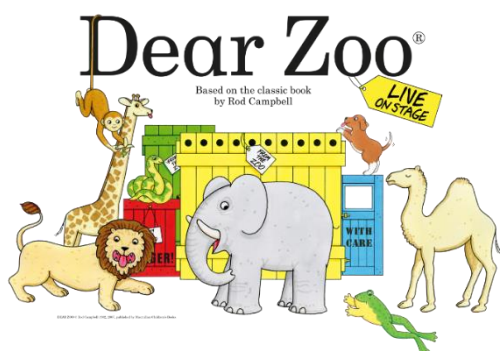
Blossoms: Children aged 2 years – 3 Years

Blossoms staff team have been busy welcoming new and returning children at the start of the Autumn term.

The children will be exploring the Autumn season by creating Autumn tree pictures using fallen leaves. We will be sending bags home for children to be able to collect leaves & conkers with their families, to use in nursery.

We will be reading and basing the nursery activities this half term around the books Dear Zoo & 1, 2, 3 Do the Dinosaur.

Thank you,
Aimee, Brodie, Holly, Summer and Skye



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Foundation: Children aged 3 Years – School age

This half term we have welcomed some new children into foundation, these children have settled really well. We have been focussing on 'All about me'. The children have enjoyed joining in with our "wow" activities, we have made Mr Potato heads, drawn self-portraits and pictures of our families. We are currently working on a display and a book with family photographs. If you haven't already we would be grateful if you could add a family photograph to tapestry. Please speak to a member of staff if you need help with this.

We have been talking lots about Autumn and the changes we can see in the environment around us. Thank you for returning your autumn bags, we have used these to make an autumn sensory tray. We have sent out pumpkin pictures for the colouring competition, please return these by Monday 14th October.

We will be welcoming Shakra back from maternity leave after the October holidays.

Thank you,
Melissa, Bethany, Leoni and Jackie



Option for support available to families with childcare costs: Don't forget to apply for your codes

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> This Website explains all available childcare support and has an eligibility checker for families.

Funded Nursery Education Entitlement for children aged from 9 months funding for 38 weeks from the Government

Government now accepting applications for 2-year-olds for April 2024

- **Up to 15 hours** of early education over **38 weeks** of the year for 2 year olds.
- **Up to 30 hours** of early education over **38 weeks** of the year for 3-4 year olds.

The Government introduced the **Tax-Free Childcare scheme** which is available to around 2 million households.

<https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/childcare-schemes-interest-welcome>



Potty Training Challenge

If your child is of potty training age. We will be sending out some potty training packs, including useful hints and tips and sticker charts. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to ask.

