

Toad Hall News

We commenced this term in September by parting ways with several children as they transitioned to the next exciting chapter of their educational journey—school!

While saying goodbye after years of caring for these children was undoubtedly bittersweet, it was truly remarkable to witness their remarkable growth and development. Observing them evolve into the young individuals we proudly sent off to school was a testament to the incredible journey we shared with them.

STARTING OFF THE TERM



Another significant milestone this term marked the substantial transition that took place across all our rooms!

In the baby room, numerous new infants joined us, and they have all adapted and settled in remarkably into a new environment. Additionally, children progressed from the baby unit to the nursery unit, adapting remarkably well to the updated routine. Furthermore, those transitioning from the nursery unit to pre-school experienced a change in routine, and it's truly commendable how well these children have embraced and excelled in this new phase.



Baby Unit



MESSY PLAY & ART

The Baby Unit has embraced messy play activities this term, with a particular favourite being the joy of playing with shaving foam and exploring the textures of this.

Painting has been also been a favourite activity, with the little ones delighting in using their hands to explore the textures of the paint, creating unique and imaginative artwork that reflects their boundless creativity.



SENSORY TOYS

The Baby Unit experienced an exciting influx of new sensory toys this term, becoming instant favorites among the children! Their delight is evident as they explore the textures and lights that these toys offer.

In addition to the captivating toys, we've introduced a dedicated den area in the baby room. This enchanting space has quickly become a play zone for the children, providing not only a place for joyful activities but also a cozy corner for relaxation and storytime experiences.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Baby Unit recently celebrated their Christmas party, which involved an array of festive activities.

A highlight of the celebration was the visit from bilingual sing that brought moments of singing, dancing, vibrant lights, and music to the party. The children embraced the lively atmosphere. It was a delightful and memorable Christmas celebration for all!



Nursery Unit

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Nursery Unit recently celebrated their Christmas party, which involved an array of festive activities.

A standout moment during the celebration was the delightful visit from Zoolab, where children had the opportunity to look at and handle a fascinating array of animals. From a millipede to a spider, snake, gerbil, and some other creatures, the children loved this experience. Their enthusiasm and curiosity shone through by showcasing genuine interest in the animals, even if they didn't love them all!



CHILDREN IN NEED

This term, the Nursery Unit embraced in the spirit of generosity by crafting hats to celebrate Children in Need!

The children loved using their fingers as paintbrushes to decorate the hats with vibrant colours and imaginative patterns. Each child enjoyed the hands-on experience of crafting unique headpieces, and they proudly wore their finger-painted creations throughout the day!

TOYS OF THE TERM

This term, the Nursery Unit has a couple of favourite toys. The babies are a big hit, with the children pretending to pat them to sleep. They've even extended the play by covering their friends with blankets and pretending to do the same, resulting in lots of laughter.

Another beloved activity is building and playing with train tracks, where the children enjoy connecting pieces and manoeuvring trains for both fun and learning.

Pre-School



REMEMBRANCE DAY

This term, the Pre-School class thoroughly enjoyed commemorating Remembrance Day through art!

A highlight was the messy play activity where they used paint, tissue paper, and various art materials which was used to create a poppy. During the activity, the significance of Remembrance Day was explained to the children. They had a blast getting hands-on with the paint, exploring textures, and engaging in a creative learning experience.

POLAR EXPRESS

A standout moment this term for the children was the incredible Polar Express experience created by the staff for a Christmas activity!

The excitement began with the elves delivering golden tickets, which the children joyfully posted into the train's box. Onboard, they had some chocolate milk and, once reaching the North Pole, they had some activities they children took part in like making reindeer food, crafting hot chocolate cones, and decorating gingerbread men. The children expressed their delight, declaring how much they enjoyed every magical moment of this unforgettable experience!

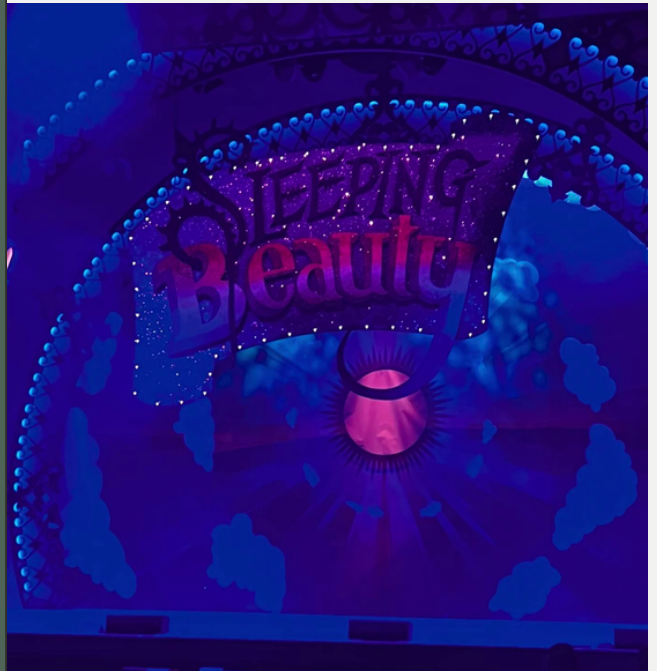


Pre-School

PANTOMINE

This term, the Pre-School had the fantastic opportunity to watch "Sleeping Beauty" at the pantomime!

Their enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour made Toad Hall Nursery exceptionally proud. The highlight for the children was seeing Mr. Tumble in the pantomime, a familiar face that brought them immense joy. Adding to the fun, they found it hilarious when they got unexpectedly squirted with water during the performance, creating lasting memories of laughter and excitement.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

This term, Pre-School had a blast celebrating their Christmas party!

The highlight was Mr. Marvel's mesmerising magic tricks that left the children both amazed and amused. The festive spirit continued with a delightful Christmas tea party featuring a variety of tasty treats. The children revelled in the joyous atmosphere, listening to Christmas music and dancing around. It was a celebration filled with magic, laughter, and festive delights!

NATIVITY

This term, the children achieved a remarkable achievement with their outstanding performance of the nativity! Their exceptional effort and dedication truly shone through, leaving everyone extremely proud. The children not only worked hard to make the nativity a memorable experience for parents but also had a great time learning their lines and singing the songs. Their enthusiasm and commitment made the entire process enjoyable and made the staff so proud of the children for their performance!

End of 2023

Toad Hall Nursery sadly bids farewell to Chloe Thorne with her last day working being 17th January 2024, a valued staff member for eight years.

Chloe has been an huge part of our community, leaving a lasting impact with her outstanding dedication. As she embarks on a new journey, both children and staff will miss her immensely. We extend our best wishes to Chloe for a bright and successful future. Thank you for eight wonderful years, Chloe!

As we approach the conclusion of the spring term and bid farewell to 2023, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who generously provided Christmas presents for the staff. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated!

Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year! We eagerly anticipate welcoming everyone back in the upcoming year and term, filled with excitement for the adventures that lie ahead.

Lastly, All the staff would like to express their immense gratitude to the managers, Sarah Lovell, Sarah Haynes, and Catherine Treglown! Your exceptional efforts have elevated Toad Hall Nursery, creating a wonderful and joyful working environment that has truly shone through this year. Thank you!

