



December
2016

www.gillblowersnursery.co.uk  @GillBlowersNursery  @Gill_Blowers

Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear parents,

I cannot believe Christmas is almost here and the Autumn term is coming to an end. For the new parents that have joined us this newsletter provides a snapshot of the major events and achievements that have happened this term and I hope you enjoy reading it.

We are sad to say goodbye to a long standing staff member and Family Worker at Leabank as she takes on a role in the new Children's Centre structure. We shall miss Lisa Page and wish her well in the future, although as she is working in the North neighbourhood I am sure we will still see her out and about. As you may know Kerry Hewer, a class teacher who has worked on both sites through the years, has left us at half term to teach at the Meads. In the short term, Jenna Brooksby will act as Room Leader until a replacement teacher can be recruited. Good news as Stephanie Page will be returning to work in January after her maternity leave and will resume her role as Room Leader in Leabank 2-3s class.

I would like to let you know about a new online programme that is free to use which offers resources that will support the online safety of your children. **Thinkuknow** is an award winning on and offline safety programme for children, young people, parents and professionals developed by the National Crime Agency. Resources for parents and carers can be downloaded at: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents.

The last few weeks are a busy time for us all with parties and profile sharing events and I look forward to meeting with you at some of these events. As the Head Teacher, I work across both our sites but will always make it a priority to meet with parents to discuss any concerns or issues you may have. Please contact the office staff if you would like to talk to me.

Also if you have an interest in finding out more about the school and how it functions, there is a vacancy for a parent governor. Please let the staff know if you would like more information.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish every family a great Christmas and look forward to seeing you in January.

Take care,

Debbie Harmon
Head Teacher

We hope you have a Merry
Christmas and we will see you
back on Thursday 5th January





December 2016



www.gillblowersnursery.co.uk



@GillBlowersNursery



@Gill_Blowers

2-3's Classroom



All the children have settled in really well and are getting used to the nursery routine. This term we have been doing lots of learning and playing in the garden.

We explored some vegetables in a tray with some soil and used tools to dig them up from the ground. We also carved a pumpkin and explored and looked into what was inside. They used their senses to smell, look, and feel it.



We went to the woods for a walk where we collected leaves and conkers and then went back to nursery and made pictures with them and painted lovely pictures with them too.

Curriculum day was a great success. It was fun and great to see all of the children and parents dressed up. Look out for future curriculum days where there is a different theme. Any suggestions would be great. We have been very impressed with all the parents who have been coming along to WOW Wednesday - keep it up. It's a great chance to come into nursery and see what the children learn and take part in their learning too.



We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you in January 2017,
The 2-3's Team.

3-4's Classroom



We have been on several walks to the woods to share some traditional stories, such as The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Little Red Riding Hood and The Gruffalo. We even had the chance to build our own house using the sticks and logs around the woods.

From this the children's interest turned to woodland animals and we made beautiful creatures out of clay as part of our autumn theme.



We have also experimented and explored pumpkins, talking about shape, size, colour, and what they felt and smelt like.

We even cooked it as suggested at Parliament Time...lets just say it was different!

The children's interest swiftly moved on to fireworks, space and aliens. Many children could recall their experiences of going to see fireworks. They suggested colours they saw and the noises they could hear. The children created their own beautiful firework pictures which were so good that we made a display!



Continuing on from space we have turned to Christmas. Children have been getting ready for their big concert they will put on for their parents. We have also made a big Santa, snowman, Christmas trees, sleigh and a lot more surprises for parents.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we will see you all in the New Year.

The 3-4's Team