

# Tiddly Winks Newsletter

September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our September newsletter, and as always, we would like to welcome our new families who have recently joined us and a heartfelt goodbye to our Preschool Graduates whose time with us at Tiddly Winks is coming to an end.

Whether you joined us as 'lockdown babies' or started your Tiddly journey in Preschool, it has been a pleasure to get to know every single one of you and witness first-hand the wonderful, kind and caring children you have all become! We will always hold a special place in our heart for you all and we wish you the best of luck on your next 'Big School' chapter!

We are looking forward to another exciting and fun filled month! To find out more, please read on...

All the best,  
Louise and Georgia

## Beach day!

We had such fun hosting our annual 'Beach Day' across the nursery. The children loved paddling in the water, building sand castles, making smoothies and taking part in our beach themed malleable play.



## News from around the rooms.....

### Acorns

The babies have loved exploring Julia Donaldson's 'The Snail and the Whale' story in theme with 'Save the Whale' day. We supported their fine motor development as they held on to the bingo dabbers using palmar grasps to create our own snails!

Beach day was a huge success! The babies loved crawling across our beach and dipping their toes in the 'sea.'

We have also been extending our communication and language skills through exploring animal sounds and names!

### Little Oaks

We had so much fun at our 'Beach Day!' The children loved exploring the texture of our 'sand dough.' We combined the dough with different tools and loose parts which promoted both the children's fine motor development and communication and language skills as we learnt new adjectives whilst describing how the different components of the activity felt!

We turned our play loft into a 'sensory space ship' and created planets and rockets using various craft materials and glue.

A final highlight was creating our indoor obstacle course which encouraged the children to extend their gross motor skills in new ways.

## Dates for the diary:

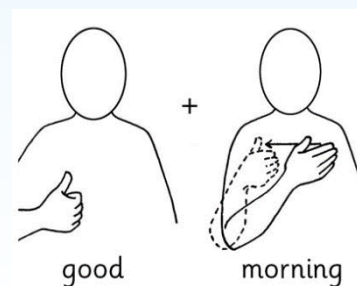
**2<sup>nd</sup> September** - Funding starts for newly eligible children

## Parent messages:

**Contract paperwork** - Please be reminded that the terms and conditions of your child's place with Tiddly Winks Nursery have been updated. Details of the changes can be found in your new enrolment form and contract paperwork. Please complete and return to the nursery asap.

**Holidays** - Please let us know if you are not planning on bringing your child into nursery due to sickness or holiday. If your child is not in within two hours of their session start time and we haven't been told in advance, we have the duty to contact you and would hate to disturb you whilst you are away!

## Makaton sign of the month



## Junipers

It seems the theme of this month has been all things animal! We have really enjoyed exploring the different animals we might find in the rainforest and extending this interest across our room into small world, story, imaginative and creative activities, The Juniper children were very excited by the 2024 Paris Olympic games. We tried out many of the sports featured in the games, created medals and read books about what the games entailed.

Finally, a firm favourite this month was 'World Photography Day.' The children tapped into their technology skillset and used the tablets to take their own photos which we then printed and they framed using frames they created themselves.

## Preschool

This month, we have been exploring water and using the guttering to test our hypothesis around how much force is needed to move the boats!

We had a great time at our beach day! We loved splashing in the water with our feet as we role played 'going down to the sea.' We really enjoyed using our fine motor skills to carefully chop up fruit and discussed the taste, smell and textures before combing them to make a delicious smoothie!

The Preschool children have thoroughly been into the 2024 Paris Olympic games! We hosted our own sports day outside and the children were split into team as they took on the various sports.

## Staff Updates:

We are pleased to announce that the lovely **Rachel** will be joining us a full time Nursery Assistant. Rachel brings a wealth of nursery experience with her as that gained from having a daughter herself. Welcome to the team Rachel!

## Autumn inspired 'invitations to play' at home...



## Policy of the month

Our policy folder is available in the front entrance for all parents and visitors to look through.

In addition, this month we will be refreshing ourselves with our **'Accidents and First aid'** policy which is attached to this newsletter.

