

CHOLSEY PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter
27th November

This week we have.....

Been getting back into Pre-School, settling in and going over our Pre-School Rules.

Been talking about kindness and the effects of it. What is Kindness? How do we show it? We have a kindness stone which we pass round the circle, once you have the kindness stone it's your turn to talk about showing kindness and how it makes you feel.

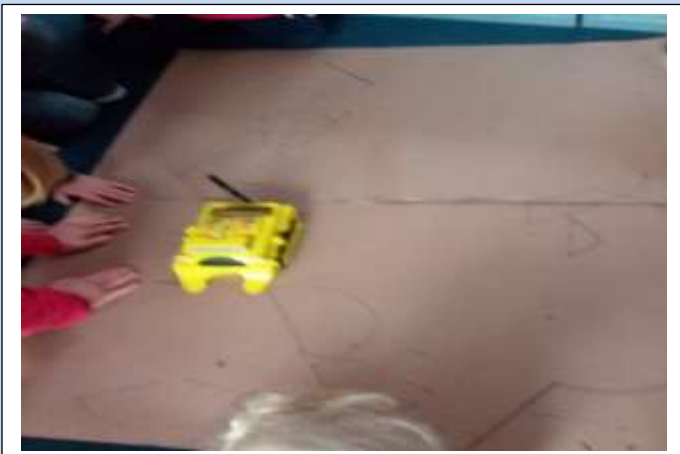
Had lots of water play outside with the guttering, watching the water move down the guttering and adding parts to this play. The children used different objects to transport water from the water tray to the guttering.

Been mixing powder paints to see what colours they make and then used these colours to do some painting.

Decorated the Christmas tree together. We also put some branches of a Christmas tree around Pre-School and the children used them for different things, such as Zombie Christmas Tree or using the needles in the tea cups.

Spoken again about the Fire Alarm and what we needed to do if the Fire Alarm sounded.

Used the Bee Bot, we gave the Bee Bot instructions which made the bee bot move and draw marks.



Safeguarding Reminders

Please can we ask that Parents/Carers DO NOT jump the Pre-School gate to get to the Pre-School door during Pre-School hours.

Please wait for the gate to be opened and if you need to collect your child before Pre-School ends ring us to arrange a time.

Also, no mobile phones to be used on School and Pre-School premises, please put them away before entering.

Dates for your Diary (please check Newsletters and online Notice Board for updates)

Christmas Holiday

Pre-School Finishes 11.45 am 18th December

Pre-School Stars Monday 4th January

Contacting Us

If you need to contact us please either telephone or email. If it is urgent then please telephone us on 07584258009. The emails are not monitored all the time on some days there may be a delay in response.

Please do contact us if your child will not be in Pre-School on that day. Our working hours: Monday - Friday 8.30 - 4.30pm Saturday - Sunday We are closed

We need to make you aware of our working hours, emails or phone calls sent out of hours will not be dealt with until our return. This is to make sure all staff have a proper break.

Staff News

Very Sadly Aunty Val will be leaving us in December. Aunty Val (as she affectionately became known) has worked at Cholsey Pre-School for years and has seen many children come and go and some of these children now have children of their own. I am sure you will join in with us wishing Aunty Val a Very happy Retirement, she will be sadly missed and we will make the most of the next few weeks with her.

Also, in December we will be saying goodbye (for a short time) to Katie who will be starting her Maternity Leave, we are very excited to be welcoming another little one to the Pre-School Family.

COVID-19 Symptoms

A reminder that symptoms of COVID that would result in the affected person needing to isolate are:

- A high temperature
 - A new continuous cough
 - A loss or change to sense of smell or taste
- If your child or a member of your household has any of these symptoms, the entire household will need to isolate for 14 days (10 days for the affected person) from the day of the first symptoms presenting or if a negative test result has been obtained from a COVID test for the person displaying symptoms.

We wanted to speak with you about the Children's Art.

What do you see when you see this picture?

Do you see a mass of scribble?

Do you see something that doesn't make sense?

Do you think your child can do better?



Did you know that between the ages of 3 and 4 this is a great developmental stage? This mark making is your child getting used to using those fine motor skills which will lead on to them writing in the future.

Learning to use the small muscles in our hands comes from being able to use the big muscles in our arms and shoulders, this takes time to learn this and of course practice may not lead to 'perfect' but may lead to great for them.

Did you also know that those 'scribbles' could be your child's view of their family, or their favourite car or a magical world they have created. You can say to your child "That is an amazing picture, tell me about it".

We understand, especially at this time of year, you may want to see something different in the form of art coming out, but those conveyor belt arts that turn out looking the same don't come from the children, they come from the adults.

We want the children to express and interpret what they see, we want it to come from them. So a tree may not have green leaves... it may have blue ones for example.

So celebrate your child's art work, encourage it, talk about it and understand that the scribble you may see is an important piece of hard drawn work from your child.