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Olveston Pre-School

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PRE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

What an amazing autumn we have had here at Olveston Pre-School!

In September we welcomed lots of new families to Pre-School and have really enjoyed getting to know new children and helping them to settle in. We are thrilled to, also, welcome three new members of staff - Katie, Jo and Zaneta. They have already brought some wonderful creativity to the team and we look forward to you all getting to know them throughout the year. This term, we are really happy to welcome Amy back, after her maternity leave.

We began our activities in the term centred around getting to know our children and encouraging them to develop their vocabulary and speech around the theme of Home. Our home corner was set up as a cosy living room with lots of lovely photos of our children and their families, which we hoped help children to settle into the new year. We were really pleased with the home-Pre-School connection that this supported, thank you for sending in photos to all who did. Please continue to send your child in with special items for Show and Tell, as we love to encourage children's confidence in speaking and listening.

We then started looking at Autumn themes, with all of the lovely colours of the trees in our park, we talked about the hedgehogs hibernating and harvest time - also making some lovely apple crumbles.

October blew in Halloween activities - exploring mixing colours in our potion making shop, using our motor skills with the hammers and the pumpkins, nature wands and spooky pizzas. We have learned about how important it is to keep ourselves safe on Bonfire night and made firework pictures biscuits. Please remember to check your child's drawers daily for their magical creations!

In our Tuesday Forest School sessions we have picked blackberries which we made into jam - and later enjoyed on toast. We have made apple juice, toasted marshmallows, made conker spiders and clay poppies.

Our Thursday Forest School children have been using lots of tools to make wooden cars and flowers, pumpkin bird feeders, medallion spiders and webs and practicing their archery skills. Tali will be contacting Thursday children's families to arrange the new group for January so please keep an eye on your emails for this, as it's often popular and we operate on a 'first come first served' basis.

Monday 4th December is Christmas Party Time!! If your child does not normally attend on a Monday at this time you are welcome to drop them off at 1.30pm and collect at 3pm. It would be much appreciated if you could email us or let a member of staff know if your child would like to come so that we can make staffing and food arrangements.

With huge thanks,
The Pre-School Team



