



Newsletter February 2025

Staff news

We would like to welcome Michelle (Mini) baby room leader who started with us at the beginning of December.

Mini has been in childcare for many of years and is keen to bring some new ideas across the nursery. Mini has always had a passion for working with children and has 3 children and 11 grandchildren.

We would also like to welcome our new apprentices to the team Bex and Kyla they will be doing a Level 3 qualification with us, we can't wait to see what ideas they have for the nursery. Bex will be based in Acorn room and Kyla will be in Saplings room.

We would like to congratulate Tracy on completing her first year here with us at Tiny Oaks and are looking forward to seeing what new ideas she has for this year.

Room updates

Since the beginning of January we have decided to split the school leavers in to a separate room for an hour and a half in the morning and an hour and a half in the afternoon, this gives them the opportunity to have structured work and activities that will benefit them before they go to school. They will be learning about self care, independence, phonics and other activities. Carol has taken the lead on the school leavers and activities and is doing an amazing job with them so well done Carol! The children will also be doing Yoga and Sticky kids as part of their daily routine.

Kate and her team have implemented some new changes in to their daily routine which seems to be working really well, the children are taking to the daily routine and are really enjoying their group activities sticky kids so well done to the Ladies in Acorn room.

Reminder to Parents

Please remember that we cannot allow you in before your child's session time due to staff ratios. Some staff start at different times, and it can get rather busy in the rooms, especially when mealtimes are being cleared away. Please ensure you collect your child at the correct finish time, or a late collection fee will be applied.

As it is cold please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing, which is clearly labeled especially, coats, hats and gloves appropriate footwear and a change of clothing we take the children into the garden, and they have access to mud, water and various activities throughout the day.

Upcoming events

- Monday 10th February Teddy bear picnic day– Bring a teddy in to show your friends and have a picnic with us.
- Week commencing 10th Valentines cards and crafts – Wear pink or red on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February If you would like to donate £1 to help us raise money for a charity called Sunny Days Children fund (please see attached file to read about this charity) that would be really appreciated there will be a box in reception for you to put your donation in.
- Friday 14th February Valentine's spa day-PJ Day for the children that attend on this day.
- Monday 17th February 2/3 year olds cooking day (this will change weekly so every child gets a turn in cooking)
- Tuesday 18th February School leavers cooking day (this will change weekly so every child gets a turn in cooking)

All our activities that the children do are linked to the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Years). The EYFS is the curriculum that the practitioners follow and use as guidance for the children's developmental milestones. It allows the practitioners to plan activities and track the children's development.

Saplings room

This week Saplings had a visit from the fire brigade, they enjoyed looking at the fire truck and watching the blue lights flash.

They had a paint tray activity based on the colors that are on the fire truck, they used water to wash away the paint (fire) and used different words and sounds. They used different props and dressed up as fire people to help put out their fires.



Mark making tray

Saplings have enjoyed making different marks in the sand with their diggers and took their socks off to feel the texture between their toes. They have been using their fine motor skills to fill and empty their containers.



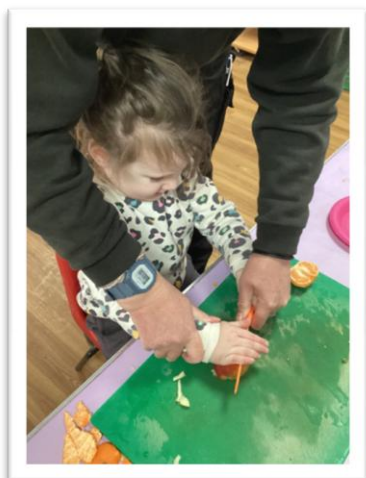
This week Saplings have been learning a different sign at meal times "more" they are all doing extremely well and will be carrying this on for another week.

Acorns School leavers Room news

Healthy eating week

Acorn's school leavers have been exploring their physical skills, from cutting apples to peeling oranges. Acorns have been learning about different foods this week and talking about their likes and dislikes for food.

They have been separating unhealthy and healthy foods into the correct places and have been speaking about what healthy foods there are.



Fire Brigade

Acorns have been speaking about those who help us and were also talking about fire and who helps us put fires out, so Kent fire rescue kindly came out and gave the children an opportunity to climb on to the truck and look at the different equipment they use when they go to fires. They got the chance to put some of the uniform on and have a go at pretending to put a fire out.

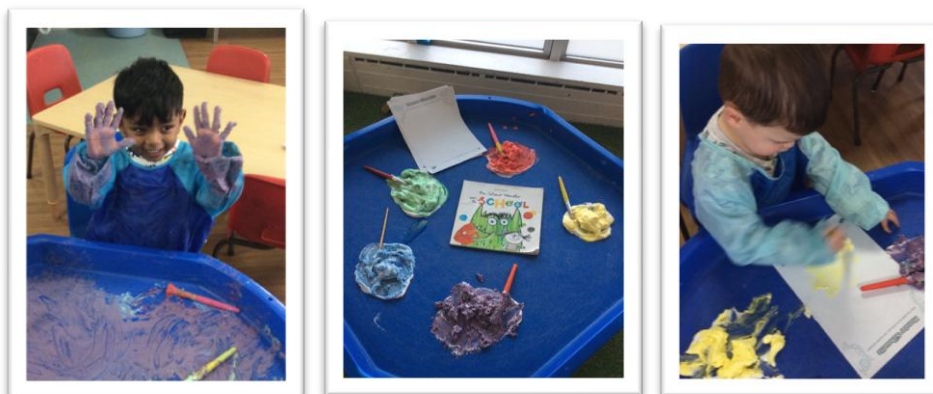


Acorns Room news



Colour Monster

This week acorns have been talking about their feelings, they have been reading the colour monster and doing activities based around it. Acorns enjoyed mixing paint with shaving foam and creating their own colour monster whilst sharing their feelings with their peers. The colour monster is about a monster who starts by being rainbow coloured because he is all mixed up and confused like many children (and adults!), when they experience big feelings that they don't understand how to respond to. The monster goes through a journey of colours, both positive and negative, exploring each one in turn and has accurate matching facial expressions!



Fire Brigade

Acorns also got a chance to climb on to the fire truck and look at all the different equipment. They got very excited when the fire engines sirens went off and lights started flashing.

