

Welcome to the Arnold Lodge Nursery Newsletter! I will aim to send one out every month to keep you updated with any news and, more importantly, with what the children have been learning. This will help us to work in partnership to support the children's development.

Staffing updates

We are pleased that Alice has now started with us in the Tweenie Room, she is with us on a Tuesday and Friday.

Jane is due to start with us on the 30th of October in Pre-School.

I am interviewing for a Deputy Manager currently and will let you know as soon as we have appointed someone.

I wanted to let you know that I have a holiday booked for the week commencing 30th October, which is half term. During this time, and for all times that I am not available, Jeanette will be deputising in my absence. Please speak to her if you have any queries.

We also want to say a huge goodbye to Charlotte! We all wish her well as she goes off on Maternity Leave; here's to lots of fun times ahead with your lovely family of four!

Baby Room

The children in the Baby Room have been busy collecting Autumnal resources for their display. They have explored conkers and pine cones, and used them in the paint to create lovely pictures to take home. The children have also been using their fine motor skills to make new sensory bottles, carefully putting items into the bottles with control. Continuing the Autumnal theme, the children have loved posting pine cones through the tubes – posting is always a firm favourite! Out of the window, the children have been observing the birds, excitedly feeding them and pointing them out to each other.

The baby Room have celebrated birthdays for Ayla, Lillia and Penny during the last few weeks too!



Tweenie Room

The children enjoyed exploring the local natural environment, collecting sticks, pine cones and a variety of leaves. Following in from this, the children participated in a range of activities, including a circles time to investigate all the natural resources collected. They have loved leaf printing, orange drying and discussing what they observe during the change in seasons.

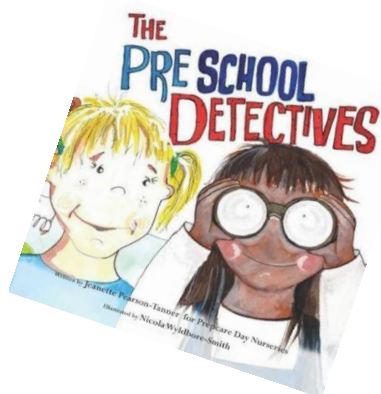
Home learning - it would be wonderful if all Tweenie children could collect any conkers or other natural resources on their own nature walk and bring them to nursery for the children to explore together. Tweenie staff will send home a paper bag for you to collect them in. Thank you!

Going forward, the Tweenies will be practising routines more independently, for example, putting on their own coats, clearing lunch plates away, peeling their own fruit and recognising their own belongings. In addition to this, the children will be exploring pumpkin play and learning about Harvest.



Pre-School Room

In Pre-School the children have enjoyed circle time when they can share their news and enjoy singing, stories and Spanish. We also have an 'All About Today' board which has helped the children discuss changes in the natural environment as we move into Autumn. This has culminated in some creative and craft activities and a nature walk. Our favourite story has been 'The Pre-School Detectives' and the children have been really excited about making up and illustrating their own story book – watch this space!! The children have also been busy embedding the golden rules, baking and developing their independence.



And finally...

Please could we have any donations of spare clothes in all sizes, if anyone has any they are clearing out? We are running low in our 'bottoms' boxes. Thank you!

Reminder - Photo Day will be on Wednesday 1st of November at Nursery. If your child does not attend on a Wednesday, but you would like them to have a photograph taken, please bring them into nursery at the following times:

Baby Room children - 9:00-9:30am

Tweenie Room children – 10:00-10:30am

Pre-School Room children – 11:00-11:30am

Please see the information below that we have been asked to share from the Local Authority regarding measles.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in an early years setting can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please share these resources with colleagues, parents, and where suitable, community organisations to increase awareness and encourage parents to get their children vaccinated.

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking you to share key messages from the NHS about measles / MMR and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

I hope you have a great rest of the month, and if there's ever anything I can help you with, please let me know!

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