

October is now on us and the weather is getting a little colder. Please make sure your child comes into nursery nice and snuggly in a warm coat as we like to get out in the playground at least twice a day for each area.

Have you all seen Rose our new assistant manager around the nursery of a morning. She has now been with us four weeks and is really enjoying meeting and greeting our children and parents each morning. If you have not bumped into Rose yet please look out for her make her welcome and say hello!! 😊

The loft conversion is now completed and we have our first big event up there this Friday 5th October. We are holding a coffee open day from 12-1pm then 2-3pm. All parents are welcome. The children in attendance on this day will be having a Autumn Spice Frappachino during snack time. We have all been touched by cancer either a family member or someone we know and the fantastic work that Macmillan do. We will be providing all ingredients so a donation would be welcome for parents in attendance and for each child receiving a baby frappe of £1.

The Harvest Festival collection is slowly coming in. There is still plenty of time to donate. Things like tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate, shower gel shampoo etc would be most welcome.

Our Topic book at nursery for October is
Room on the Broom ...'

Find out what we are up to on a daily basis by



following us on **TWITTER**; search for swansyardley. Or go to our nursery website and read our room blogs or learn about future events on www.littleswans.org.uk

Heroes News

Heroes have enjoyed looking at the Autumn changes on their visits to the Forest School. The children will be making their own costumes linking to the story of the month. In addition, they will make up their own stories and create pictures. The children will be using complex sentences to describe the pictures they have created and to re-tell their own stories. Heroes will be looking at different parties such as Halloween and making their own masks for the Halloween party. Heroes will be going on a Autumn walk next Tuesday 9th October and will be collecting leaves and conkers to go on their Autumn display. The children will also be cooking witch finger biscuits and making masks as part of their Halloween celebrations.

Jelly Babies News

This month we are focusing on the topic 'Festivals and Celebrations'. We will be making lots of pictures with bright colours and materials. We will also be doing sensory play and adding bright coloured duplo bricks and tissue paper into the play.

As it is Halloween we will be doing themed cooking ; orange coloured fairy cakes to represent a pumpkin and dressing up in fancy dress costume. We will be making Halloween cards and having a Halloween Party!

We will be creating a new display board too... 'Ball rolling in paint'. This will be a great activity for the babies to get involved in and create different marks on paper. As we are approaching Autumn we will be gathering leaves and creating leaf printing and looking at the different types of leaves and incorporate them into sensory play.

Smarties & Sweeties News

This month the children in Smarties will be looking at different sized objects and using the vocabulary big and small. The children will be using a variety of mark making materials such as crayons, pencils and pens to support their pincer grip. There will be lots of messy play out in the room such as jelly and spaghetti. This will provide the children opportunities to compare different textures such as hard and soft pasta.

Sweeties will be learning about different shapes and colours. The children have used shapes to decorate wands and witches hats for the 'Room on the Broom' display. There will be lots of different ICT toys out in the room to provide the children opportunities to recognise numbers. During circle time the children will be sharing their own experiences of their families.

Rolos News

The children in Rolos will be looking at the different Halloween characters from the story 'Room on the Broom'. Rolos will be looking at Autumn changes and have an Autumn walk organised for November. The children will look at the different colours, falling leaves and different animals such as squirrels. The children have started looking at the first letters of their name on the name cards they use to self-register. The Rolos team will continue to support the children with their self care skills- toileting , washing hands and face.

Jelly Tots News

As our topic book for October is 'Room on the Broom' we will be incorporating this into a display. We will include fruit and vegetable printing and intend to get very messy so please make sure we are wearing old clothes for nursery!

We will be trying new foods and textures such as Kiwi, pineapple and mango.

Other activities this month will be focusing on shapes such as a circle, square and triangle; listening to animal sounds and recognising which animal it is and finding our own shoes and belongings in the room and if we were really clever finding our friends too! We will be making Halloween cards and having a Halloween party where the children will come into the setting with their scary costumes on!

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Dates for your diary: From Monday 1st October to Wednesday 31st October 2018

Story Sessions at the library: Every other Monday for Heroes and Rolos turn taking 10am

Nanny Shirley: Every Thursday unless family commitments telling stories to all areas
Forest School: Every Monday for Heroes and Rolos taking turns to go

Upcoming Events and Dates

October 2018 Dates for your Diary

• Notice for all parents

***Drop in SENCO Session**

Dianne is the nursery's setting-based SENCO and will be offering parents and staff a drop-in session on Tuesday 30th October at 2-3pm. If you have any concerns or anything you would care to discuss please feel free to come and have a chat.

Please be mindful when pulling onto the car park each morning of the children and parents. No more than 5 mile per hour and please make sure you park in a bay and not by the main gate

We are having our MacMillan coffee morning on Friday 5th October from 12-1pm and again at 2-3pm in the new loft office. All parents are welcome along with family members. It will give you the opportunity to talk to staff have a drink of choice (soft ...naturally!!) and a cake and biscuit. A donation of £1 for such a good cause would be appreciated. So close to everybodys heart . Thank you

Friday 5th October

Mc Millan coffee open day for parents in our new loft office. Morning 12-1pm and afternoon 2-3pm. All proceeds for Mcmillan cancer support. Tea, coffee, cake, latte, cappachino. All welcome. £1 donation and as much cake and drink as you want

Monday 8th

Rolos Library visit 10am

Tuesday 9th

Heroes Autumn walk out and about in the community

Thursday 11th

Rolos Autumn walk out and about in the community

Monday 22nd October

Heroes library visit

Friday 26th

Stay and play at the library 9.30am - 11am

Tuesday 30th

Nursery Halloween party 2.15pm - 3.30pm

Friday 2nd November

Zoo lab visit £5 per child

FUNDING

As we are approaching the end of term and will soon be starting another term I would like to signpost parents to the government site **childcare choices**. This site has been set up by the government to advise parents on funding and tax free childcare available for working parents. If you think you may be eligible please visit the site on complete the online calculator which will provide you with money saving options for your childcare. Thank you <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Staff Training:

The next staff training will be held on **Thursday 25th October 5pm to 6pm**. All children need to be collected from nursery by 4.50pm to ensure a prompt start. The meeting will be based around planning and preparation for September ready for children moving into their new areas from September.

Late collection will incur a late collection charge.

Zoe and Attikha First Aid Training Saturday 6th October 2018
Saturday 13th September
Shaida completes her Level 3 Childcare course Tuesday 23rd October.